

time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy 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: RP14-1272-000.*

*Applicants: National Grid LNG, LLC.*

*Description: Supplemental*

*Information of National Grid LNG, LLC.*

*Filed Date: 10/21/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141021-5182.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/28/14.*

*Docket Numbers: RP15-55-000.*

*Applicants: Columbia Gulf*

*Transmission, LLC.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per*

*154.204: Negotiated & Non-Conforming Rate Agmts—WestSide to be effective 11/1/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/21/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141021-5092.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/3/14.*

*Docket Numbers: RP15-56-000.*

*Applicants: Transcontinental Gas*

*Pipe Line Company.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per*

*154.204: Virginia Southside Initial Rate Filing to be effective 12/1/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/21/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141021-5098.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/3/14.*

*Docket Numbers: RP15-57-000.*

*Applicants: Tennessee Gas Pipeline*

*Company, L.L.C.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per*

*154.204: Volume No. 2—Chesapeake Capacity Assignment to be effective 11/1/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/21/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141021-5191.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/3/14.*

Any person desiring to intervene or protest in any of the above proceedings

must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) 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.

#### Filings in Existing Proceedings

*Docket Numbers: RP14-1195-001.*

*Applicants: Sierrita Gas Pipeline LLC.*

*Description: Compliance filing per*

*154.203: Compliance Filing to be effective 11/20/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/20/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141020-5065.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 11/3/14.*

Any person desiring to protest in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rule 211 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date.

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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: RP15-52-000.*

*Applicants: Saltville Gas Storage Company L.L.C.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: October 2014 Tariff Cleanup Filing to be effective 11/18/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/17/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141017-5040.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/29/14.*

*Docket Numbers: RP15-53-000.*

*Applicants: Centra Pipelines*

*Minnesota Inc.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per 154.204: Revised Index of Shippers Dec 2014 to be effective 12/1/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/17/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141017-5107.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/29/14.*

*Docket Numbers: RP15-54-000.*

*Applicants: Columbia Gas*

*Transmission, LLC.*

*Description: § 4(d) rate filing per*

*154.204: Non-Conforming Service Agreement—PacSum to be effective 11/1/2014.*

*Filed Date: 10/17/14.*

*Accession Number: 20141017-5162.*

*Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/29/14.*

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF14-18-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Northern Access 2016 Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Northern Access 2016 Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (Supply) and Empire Pipeline Inc. (Empire) (collectively National Fuel) in Pennsylvania and New York. The

Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to

evaluate in the EA. The Commission staff will also use the scoping process to help determine whether preparation of an environmental impact statement is more appropriate for this Project based upon the potential significance of the anticipated levels of impact. Please note that the scoping period will close on November 21, 2014.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend the public scoping meetings scheduled as follows:

#### FERC PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS NORTHERN ACCESS 2016 PROJECT

Date and time	Location
November 3, 2014, 7 p.m. ....	Doyle Hall, St. Bonaventure University, 3261 W. State St., St. Bonaventure, NY 14778.
November 5, 2014, 7 p.m. ....	Springville-Griffith High School, 290 North Buffalo Street, Springville, NY 14141.

National Fuel staff will be available from 6:00–7:00 p.m., prior to the public scoping meetings at the locations listed above.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives are asked to notify their constituents of this planned 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 planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### Summary of the Planned Project

National Fuel plans to construct and operate certain facilities in Pennsylvania and New York which collectively would provide about 350,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of natural gas transportation service to the northeastern United States and Canada. Supply would provide approximately

350,000 Dth/d of new firm natural gas transportation service from a receipt point in McKean County, Pennsylvania to an interconnection with Empire's existing pipeline system in Niagara County, New York. Empire would provide approximately 350,000 Dth/d of new firm transportation service from such Supply interconnection to Empire's existing interconnection with TransCanada Pipelines Limited.

The planned project would consist of the following Supply components:

- Construction of approximately 97 miles of new 24-inch-diameter pipeline, from Sergeant Township, McKean County, Pennsylvania, to an interconnection with Supply's existing Line X-North, near Supply's existing Porterville Compressor Station in the Town of Elma, Erie County, New York;
- an addition of approximately 5,000 horsepower to Porterville Compressor Station; and
- an interconnection with Tennessee Gas Pipeline's 200 Line in the Town of Wales, Erie County, New York.

The planned Project would also consist of the following Empire components:

- Construction of a 24-inch pipeline segment of approximately 4 miles, replacing 3.3 miles of existing 16-inch Supply pipeline and 0.7 miles of existing Empire pipeline in the towns of Wheatfield and Pendleton, Niagara County, New York;
- construction of a new, approximately 22,000 horsepower compressor station in the Town of Pendleton, Niagara County, New York; and
- construction of a new natural gas dehydration facility in the Town of Wheatfield, Niagara County, New York.

The general location of the planned project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

National Fuel is still in the planning phase of the Project and workspace requirements have not been finalized. However, National Fuel is planning on using a 75-foot-wide construction right-of-way for the 24-inch-diameter pipeline segments. Following construction, National Fuel would retain a 50-foot-wide easement for operation of the pipelines. National Fuel would also require land for additional workspaces at road, railroad, waterbody, and wetland crossings; topsoil storage; access roads; storage or pipeyards; and for other purposes during construction. About 92 percent of the planned pipeline route parallels existing power line or pipeline rights-of-way.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as scoping. The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on important environmental issues. By this

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice are not being printed in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the EA.

In the EA, we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the planned Project under these general headings:

- Geology and soils;
- water resources and wetlands;
- vegetation and wildlife;
- fisheries and aquatic resources;
- threatened, endangered, and other special-status species;
- land use, recreation, special interest areas, and visual resources;
- socioeconomics;
- cultural resources;
- air quality and noise;
- reliability and safety; and
- cumulative environmental impacts.

We will also evaluate possible alternatives to the planned Project or portions of the Project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

Although no formal application has been filed, we have already initiated our NEPA review under the Commission's pre-filing process. The purpose of the pre-filing process is to encourage early involvement of interested stakeholders and to identify and resolve issues before the FERC receives an application. As part of our pre-filing review, we participated in public open house meetings sponsored by National Fuel in the project area in August 2014 to explain the environmental review process to interested stakeholders. We have also begun to contact federal and state agencies to discuss their involvement in the scoping process and the preparation of the EA.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before we make our recommendations to the Commission. We will publish and distribute the EA for public comment. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please follow the instructions in the Public Participation section beginning on page 6.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction and/or special expertise with respect to environmental issues related to this Project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>3</sup> 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. Currently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has expressed its intention to participate as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA to satisfy its NEPA responsibilities related to this Project.

### Consultations 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, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) 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.<sup>4</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPOs as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipeline storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Currently Identified Environmental Issues

We have already identified several issues that we think deserve attention based on a preliminary review of the planned facilities, comments made to us at National Fuel's open houses, preliminary consultations with other agencies, and the environmental information provided by National Fuel. This preliminary list of issues may be changed based on your comments and our analysis:

- Forested areas including fragmentation;
- agricultural areas including impacts on soils;
- property values;
- surface water;
- groundwater including wells and springs;

responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

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

- wildlife and vegetation;
- federal and state-listed threatened, endangered, and sensitive species;
- eminent domain; and
- cumulative impacts.

### Public Participation

You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before November 21, 2014.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (PF14-18-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [efiling@ferc.gov](mailto:efiling@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature located on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically using the *eFiling* feature located on the Commission's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

### 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

<sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency

all affected landowners (as defined by 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. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of a CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

#### Becoming an Intervenor

Once National Fuel files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor's play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the User's Guide under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the project.

#### 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 Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., PF14-18). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of 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. Go to <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp>.

Public meetings or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER15-114-000]

#### Alterna Springerville LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Alterna Springerville LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR Part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 12, 2014.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an

eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No., 14627-000]

#### Symphony Hydro LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On June 26, 2014, Symphony Hydro LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Symphony Hydro Project to be located on Mississippi River, near the city of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following: (1) Two new 1.5-foot-thick by 56-foot-wide by 60-foot-high reinforced concrete bulkheads containing two variable speed 1,700-