Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to construct and operate a new compressor station and associated pipeline lateral located in Cass County, Texas (Gulf Coast Expansion Project). Natural is also requesting authorization to abandon two compressor units at its Compressor Station 301 in Wharton County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Natural proposes to provide long-term firm transportation service to two shippers that have subscribed to the capacity created by the Project. The Project capacity is developed through the integration of existing capacity and expansion capacity of 240,000 Dth/day which will enable Natural to transport 460,000 Dth per day of natural gas supplies to an existing delivery point and a new delivery point in the South Texas Gulf Coast area. The project shippers have elected negotiated rates. Natural proposes to construct a new 15,900 horsepower compressor station on its Gulf Coast Line, and a new 4,000foot, 30-inch lateral to connect the proposed compressor to Natural's existing A/G Line. Natural also proposes to abandon 5,600 hp of existing compression on its system. Total cost of the project is \$69,399,000.

The filing may also be viewed on the Web at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC, 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, IL 60515, or by calling (630) 725—3070 (telephone) or email at bruce\_newsome@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) 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 EA for this proposal. The filing of the 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.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents

filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: September 2, 2016.

Dated: August 12, 2016.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

# Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-489-000]

## Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Take notice that on August 5, 2016, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP16-489-000 a prior notice request pursuant to § 157.205, 157.210, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas facilities in McKenzie and Williams Counties, North Dakota. WBI Energy states that the proposed activities will allow it to deliver 62,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation service. WBI Energy estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be approximately \$18.4 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at http:// www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, WBI Energy proposes to: (1) Install two new compressor units, totaling 5,325 horsepower (HP), at its Charbonneau Station located in McKenzie County, North Dakota; (2) install a new 1,380 HP compressor unit at its Williston Station located in Williams County, North Dakota; (3) construct a new 750 HP compressor station (Tioga Station) located in Williams County, North Dakota; (4) construct approximately 2,850 feet of 8inch-diameter pipeline located in Williams County, North Dakota; and (5) abandon in-place approximately 1,375 feet of 8-inch-diameter pipeline located in Williams County, North Dakota.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Lori Myerchin, Manager, Regulatory Affairs, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc., 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, by telephone at (701) 530-1563 or by email at lori.mverchin@ wbienergy.com.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Pursuant to § 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) 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 EA for this proposal. The filing of the 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.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this

project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at http:// www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Dated: August 12, 2016.

# Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## **Federal Energy Regulatory** Commission

[Docket No. ER16-2393-000]

Innovative Solar 31, 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 Innovative Solar 31, 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 September 1, 2016.

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. or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 12, 2016.

# Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

### **Federal Energy Regulatory** Commission

[Project No. 5073-096]

Benton Falls Associates, New York LP, **Everett E. Whitman; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To** Intervene, and Protests

On August 2, 2016, Benton Falls Associates, New York LP, co-licensee (transferor) filed an application for afterthe-fact transfer of license of the Benton Falls Project No. 5073. The project is