

construct two new tie-ins; and (vi) acquire from National Fuel the aforementioned 1.08 miles of Line XM-10. Empire proposes to provide 350,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity.

National Fuel and Empire request authorization to abandon their jointly owned meter station along Line XM-10 in Pendleton, New York. The total cost of the Project would be approximately \$376,670,388 (National Fuel) and \$78,710,359 (Empire).

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 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 5 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.

Motions to intervene, protests and comments may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper; see, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on November 25, 2015.

Dated: November 4, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-537-000]

DBM Pipeline, LLC; Notice of Withdrawal of Staff Protest to Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity

Commission staff (Protestor) hereby withdraws its Protest to the Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity filed in the above-referenced proceeding on October 2, 2015.

In its prior notice request filed on July 27, 2015 (in Docket No. CP15-537-000) and noticed on August 6, 2015,¹ DBM Pipeline, LLC (DBM Pipeline) proposed to construct and operate approximately 9 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline in Reeves and Culberson Counties, Texas, and Eddy County, New Mexico (Project). Protestor protested the prior notice request filed under the provisions of Part 157, subpart F, of the Commission's regulations, because DBM Pipeline did not file in its application or supplemental filings, the Bureau of Land Management comments on the Project and did not provide adequate avoidance plans to have no effect on historic properties. In addition DBM Pipeline did not provide complete responses to the FERC Environmental Data Request dated September 23, 2015.

Protestor notes that on November 3, 2015, DBM Pipeline filed a data response with comments from the Texas and New Mexico State Historic Preservation Officers (SHPOs), dated June 23, 2015 and October 27, 2015 respectively, stating that the Project would either have no effect on or would avoid historic properties. DBM Pipeline also filed an avoidance plan for three cultural resources in New Mexico. Additionally, the BLM agreed with the avoidance plan and stated the Project would have no effect on historic properties in a letter dated November 2, 2015. FERC staff agrees with the Texas and New Mexico SHPOs and finds the avoidance plan acceptable. Finally, DBM Pipeline submitted complete responses to the FERC Environmental Data Request dated September 23, 2015.

Thus, Protestor's environmental concern has been satisfied. Accordingly, Protestor hereby withdraws its Protest to the Proposed Blanket Certificate Activity filed in the instant docket on October 2, 2015.

Dated: November 4, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

¹Notice of the request was published in the **Federal Register** on August 13, 2015 (80 *Fed. Reg.* 48520).