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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-513-000]

#### Texas Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Northern Supply Access Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared this environmental assessment (EA) for the Northern Supply Access Project (Project) proposed by Texas Gas Transmission, LLC (Texas Gas) in the above-referenced docket. Texas Gas requests authorization to construct and operate natural gas facilities in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Louisiana to provide an additional 384,000 million standard cubic feet per day of natural gas of north to south transportation capacity on Texas Gas's existing system.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The Project involves modifications at eight existing compressor stations in Morehouse Parish, Louisiana; Coahoma County, Mississippi; Tipton County, Tennessee; Webster, Breckinridge, and Jefferson Counties, Kentucky; and Lawrence and Dearborn Counties, Indiana. Texas Gas would also construct one new 23,877 horsepower compressor station in Hamilton County, Ohio.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners within 0.5 mile of the above ground facilities; interested individuals and groups; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. Everyone on our environmental mailing list will receive a CD version of the EA.

In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. 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 the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this Project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before **February 25, 2016**.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments with the Commission. In all instances please reference the Project docket number (CP15-513-000) 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 submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature 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.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. **Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.**

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 numbers excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP15-513). 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 [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2607-013]

#### Advantage Investment Group, LLC, Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

On January 20, 2016, Advantage Investment Group, LLC (transferor) and Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC (transferee) filed an application for transfer of license of the Spencer Mountain Hydroelectric Project No. 2607. The project is located on the

Susquehanna River in York, Dauphin, and Lancaster counties, Pennsylvania. The project does not occupy federal lands.

The applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Spencer Mountain Hydroelectric Project from the transferor to the transferee.

**Applicant Contact:** For transferor: Mr. Boyce Falls, Manager, Advantage Investment Group, LLC, PO Box 458, Dallas, NC 28034, Phone: 704-363-5911, Email: [bobbiefalls@aol.com](mailto:bobbiefalls@aol.com). For transferee: Mr. Kevin Edwards, Manager, Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC, 1000 C&N Smith Mill Road, Stoneville, NC 27048, Phone: 336-589-6138, Email: [kevin@pht1.com](mailto:kevin@pht1.com).

**FERC Contact:** Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735, [patricia.gillis@ferc.gov](mailto:patricia.gillis@ferc.gov).

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, please send a paper copy to: Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-2607-013.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

[DOE/EIS-0370]

#### Record of Decision for the Windy Gap Firming Project

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Record of decision.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Eastern Colorado Area Office (Reclamation) prepared an Environmental Impact

Statement (EIS) for the proposed Windy Gap Firming Project (Project) in North Central Colorado. The Municipal Subdistrict (Subdistrict), Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, acting by and through the Windy Gap Firming Project Water Activity Enterprise, on behalf of the Project Participants, obtained approval from Reclamation for additional physical connections to Colorado-Big Thompson Project (C-BT) facilities in order to implement the proposed Project. Western Area Power Administration (Western), an agency within the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), participated in the development of the EIS as a cooperating agency.

The EIS evaluated a no action alternative, along with four action alternatives each entailing the construction of new reservoirs along with pipelines and operational facilities at different locations. The action alternatives were designed to provide more reliable water deliveries to Front Range and West Slope communities and industry. Reclamation selected Alternative 2—Chimney Hollow Reservoir in its Record of Decision (ROD) dated December 19, 2014. In order to support Reclamation's decision, Western would need to relocate 3.8 miles of its existing Estes-Lyons 115-kilovolt (kV) wood H-frame transmission line away from the proposed Chimney Hollow Reservoir site to avoid its inundation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Mr. Matt Blevins, Western Area Power Administration, P.O. Box 281213, Lakewood, CO 80228-8213, telephone (720) 962-7261, or email: [blevins@wapa.gov](mailto:blevins@wapa.gov). For general information on DOE's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, please contact Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, GC-54, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, or email: [askNEPA@hq.doe.gov](mailto:askNEPA@hq.doe.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reclamation was the lead federal agency for the EIS (FES 11-19) and Western was a cooperating agency. The Notice of Availability for the Final EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 2011 (76 FR 74074). Reclamation signed its ROD on December 19, 2014, and selected Alternative 2—Chimney Hollow Reservoir as its preferred alternative.

Reclamation's selected alternative directly affects a portion of Western's existing Estes-Lyons 115-kV transmission line, which lies within the

design footprint of the proposed new Chimney Hollow Reservoir. In order to support Reclamation's decision, Western would need to relocate its transmission line away from the proposed reservoir to an area that preserves system reliability, maintenance accessibility, and safety. Western's relocation of the transmission line at the Chimney Hollow Reservoir site was evaluated in the EIS, including acquiring a 100 foot right-of-way, constructing access roads, and rebuilding approximately 3.8 miles of transmission line to the west of the proposed Chimney Hollow Reservoir. After an independent review of the EIS, Western has concluded that its comments have been satisfied and with this notice is adopting the EIS for its participation in the Project.

#### Western's Action

Western's action is to support Reclamation's decision in selecting Alternative 2—Chimney Hollow Reservoir and to relocate a 3.8 mile portion of Western's existing Estes-Lyons 115-kV transmission line away from the proposed Chimney Hollow Reservoir site to avoid its inundation. Final transmission line location, pole placement, and spacing will be determined by Western during final design.

#### Cultural Resources

Reclamation executed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office regarding the Project on April 19, 2012. Reclamation and Western must adhere to the stipulations of that MOA. The MOA stipulates that prior to any construction of the Project, Reclamation's Eastern Colorado Area Office will inventory the remaining 17.2 acres in the Area of Potential Effect and consult with the State Historic Preservation Office on eligibility and effects of the Project pursuant to 36 CFR part 800, including mitigation that will be set forth in an amendment to the MOA.

#### Endangered Species Act

Western's action would have no effect on federally listed terrestrial wildlife species or plants. However, the Project's Colorado River depletions could adversely impact four endangered Colorado River fish species. Impacts to the endangered species in the Colorado River were originally addressed in the 1981 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Biological Opinion for the original Windy Gap Reservoir based on an estimated average annual diversion of 57,300 acre feet (AF) of water. A