

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:* RP15-1322-002.  
*Applicants:* Sabine Pipe Line LLC.  
*Description:* Compliance filing Sabine Compliance Filing February 22, 2016 to be effective 2/5/2016.  
*Filed Date:* 2/22/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160222-5076.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 3/7/16.

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.

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

Dated: February 23, 2016.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

**Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice**

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication, and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto

in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently received by the Secretary of the Commission. The communications listed are grouped by docket numbers in ascending order. These filings are available for electronic review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866)208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202)502-8659.

Docket No.	File date	Presenter or requester
<i>Prohibited</i>		
1. CP15-500-000 .....	2-8-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>1</sup> .
2. CP15-500-000 .....	2-8-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>2</sup> .
3. CP15-138-000 .....	2-8-2016	Maddie Musser.
4. CP16-21-000 .....	2-9-2016	Polar Beverages.
5. CP15-500-000 .....	2-10-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>3</sup> .
6. CP15-500-000 .....	2-11-2016	Ellen McRae.
7. CP15-500-000 .....	2-11-2016	Rev. Barry Abraham Zavah.
8. CP15-500-000 .....	2-12-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>4</sup> .
9. CP15-500-000 .....	2-12-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>5</sup> .
10. CP15-500-000 .....	2-16-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>6</sup> .
11. CP15-500-000 .....	2-16-2016	Grouped Letters <sup>7</sup> .
12. CP15-500-000 .....	2-16-2016	Asa Daugherty.
<i>Exempt:</i>		
1. ER16-307-000 .....	2-8-2016	U.S. Congress <sup>8</sup> .
2. CP15-554-000 .....	2-8-2016	State of Virginia Delegate Paul E. Krizek.
3. CP14-347-000 .....	2-8-2016	U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy, M.D.
4. CP16-21-000 .....	2-11-2016	State of New Hampshire Governor Margaret Wood Hassan.
5. CP16-21-000 .....	2-11-2016	U.S. House Representative Niki Tsongas.
6. CP16-21-000 .....	2-11-2016	U.S. Senator Kelly A. Ayotte.
7. CP15-558-000 .....	2-17-2016	FERC Staff <sup>9</sup> .
8. CP15-18-000 CP15-18-001 .....	2-17-2016	FERC Staff <sup>10</sup> .
9. P-2629-000 .....	2-17-2016	FERC Staff <sup>11</sup> .
10. CP16-4-000 .....	2-17-2016	FERC Staff <sup>12</sup> .
11. CP14-347-000 .....	2-22-2016	U.S. House Representative Charles W. Boustany Jr., MD.

<sup>1</sup> Mass Mailing: 17 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>2</sup> Mass Mailing: 12 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>3</sup> Mass Mailing: 2 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>4</sup> Mass Mailing: 2 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>5</sup> Mass Mailing: 2 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>6</sup> Mass Mailing: 8 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>7</sup> Mass Mailing: 2 letters have been sent to FERC Commissioners and staff under this docket number.

<sup>8</sup> Senator Sheldon Whitehouse, Senator Jack Reed, House Representative James R. Langevin, and House Representative David N. Cicilline.

<sup>9</sup> Memo forwarding letter dated January 29, 2016 from Paul A. Raber of Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology.

<sup>10</sup> Meeting summary from February 17, 2016 telephone call with Brian Scofield of Pennsylvania Field Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service regarding Eastern Shore White Oak Machine Expansion Project.

<sup>11</sup> Email Record dated February 17, 2016 between FERC Staff and Jeff Crocker of Vermont Department of Environment Conservation.

<sup>12</sup> Conference Call Notes from February 9, 2016 call between FERC and NPS regarding the Orion Project.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2009-0297; FRL-9942-98-OW]

### Request for Nominations for Peer Reviewers for EPA's Biologically Based Dose-Response (BBDR) Model for Perchlorate in Drinking Water

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations for peer reviewers.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites the public to nominate scientific experts to be considered as peer reviewers for the contractor-managed, external peer review of the draft Biologically Based Dose-Response model for perchlorate in drinking water and the draft model support document. The draft model predicts changes in thyroid hormones in sensitive life stages exposed to different dietary iodide and perchlorate levels. EPA has been working with scientists at the Food and Drug Administration to develop the model recommended by EPA's Science Advisory Board for the derivation of a maximum contaminant level goal for perchlorate in drinking water. The model integrates previous perchlorate and iodine models for thyroid hormones in formula-fed and nursing infants, as well as lactating women. The model predicts the effects of perchlorate on serum thyroid hormone concentrations in infants exposed via ingestion of formula mixed with contaminated drinking water or breast milk. EPA anticipates releasing the draft model and draft model support document for peer review and public comment in the near future (the exact date to be determined).

**DATES:** The nomination period for scientific experts begins on March 1, 2016 and ends on March 31, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Any interested person or organization may nominate scientific experts to be considered as peer reviewers. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than March 31, 2016. Self-nominations will also be accepted. Nominations should be submitted to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., using the following email address: [perchlorate@versar.com](mailto:perchlorate@versar.com) (the subject line should read: BBDR Model Peer Review). Nominations will also be accepted via U.S. Postal Service mail or by an overnight/priority mail service. Mailed nominations should be addressed to Versar, Inc., 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151 (Attention: David Bottimore). Nominations should include all nominee information outlined in section II of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the nomination process should be directed to the EPA contractor, Versar, Inc., at 6850 Versar Center, Springfield, VA 22151; by email to [perchlorate@versar.com](mailto:perchlorate@versar.com) (the subject line should read: BBDR Model Peer Review); or by phone: (703) 642-6815 (ask for David Bottimore). For additional information concerning the draft BBDR model and draft model support document, please contact Russ Perkinson at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Standards and Risk Management Division, (Mail Code 4607M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-564-4901; or email: [perkinson.russ@epa.gov](mailto:perkinson.russ@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Information on the Draft Biologically Based Dose-Response (BBDR) Model and Draft Model Support Document for Perchlorate in Drinking Water

EPA is developing a National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for Perchlorate in accordance with the requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). Among these requirements are that the agency must request comment from the EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) prior to proposal of a maximum contaminant

level goal (MCLG) and a NPDWR (42 U.S.C. 1412(e)).

In 2012, EPA sought guidance from the SAB on how best to consider and interpret life stage information, epidemiologic and biomonitoring data, physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) analyses and the totality of perchlorate health information to derive an MCLG for perchlorate. The MCLG is the maximum level of a contaminant in drinking water at which no known or anticipated adverse effect on the health of persons would occur, and which allows an adequate margin of safety. MCLGs are non-enforceable public health goals.

In 2013, the SAB recommended that, “. . . EPA derive a perchlorate MCLG that addresses sensitive life stages through physiologically-based pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic (PBPK/PD) modeling based upon its mode of action rather than the default MCLG approach using the reference dose and specific chemical exposure parameters” (see Advice on Approaches to Derive a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal for Perchlorate, EPA-SAB-13-004). The SAB found that “. . . this data-driven approach represents a more rigorous way to address differences in biology and exposure between adults and sensitive life stages than is possible with the default approach for deriving an MCLG.”

Based on the SAB's recommendations, EPA and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) scientists developed a BBDR (also known as a PBPK/PD) model to determine under what conditions of iodine nutrition and exposure to perchlorate across sensitive life stages low serum free and total thyroxine would result. EPA is considering deriving a perchlorate MCLG by linking BBDR model output to information from literature to account for adverse health outcomes.

##### II. How to Submit Nominations for Peer Reviewers

*Expertise Sought:* EPA is seeking candidates who are nationally and/or internationally recognized scientific experts to serve as external peer reviewers for the draft BBDR model and draft model support document for