

winter peak day firm service of 75,937 dekatherms per day serving residential, commercial, and industrial customer market growth in Northern's Market Area. Northern also proposes to install and operate an additional 15,900 horsepower compressor unit at an existing compressor station in Rice County, Minnesota. Short segments of pipeline will be removed to accommodate compressor station tie-ins. The total cost of the project is \$44,068,126.

On October 9, 2015 the Commission granted Northern's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF15-33-000 to staff activities involved in the Project. Now, as of the filing of the June 24, 2016 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this Project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP16-472-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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

seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. 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 commentors 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 commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors 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.

*Comment Date:* July 29, 2016.

Dated: July 8, 2016.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

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

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-141-000.

*Applicants:* Elevation Solar C LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Request for Expedited Consideration and Confidential Treatment of Elevation Solar C LLC.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160707-5076.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-142-000.

*Applicants:* Western Antelope Blue Sky Ranch B LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act, Request for Expedited Consideration and Confidential Treatment of Western Antelope Blue Sky Ranch B LLC.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160707-5082.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-143-000.

*Applicants:* GE Albany Global Holdings BV, Solar Partners I, LLC, Solar Partners II, LLC, Solar Partners VIII, LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers of GE Albany Global Holdings BV, et al.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160707-5169.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

*Docket Numbers:* EC16-144-000.

*Applicants:* GE Albany Global Holdings BV, Solar Partners I, LLC, Solar Partners II, LLC, Solar Partners VIII, LLC.

*Description:* Application for Authorization under Section 203 of the Federal Power Act and Request for Waivers of GE Albany Global Holdings BV, et al.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160707-5173.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

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

*Docket Numbers:* ER12-1650-007.

*Applicants:* Emera Maine.

*Description:* Compliance Filing of Emera Maine.

*Filed Date:* 7/5/16.

*Accession Number:* 20160705-5217.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/26/16.  
*Docket Numbers:* ER16–2142–000.  
*Applicants:* Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3220 Westar, ITC Great Plains & Mid-Kansas Interconnection Agreement to be effective 7/6/2016.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160707–5080.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

*Docket Numbers:* ER16–2143–000.  
*Applicants:* PacifiCorp.

*Description:* § 205(d) Rate Filing: BPA NITSA (SE Idaho Area) Rev 1 to be effective 7/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 7/7/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20160707–5114.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 7/28/16.

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.

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: July 07, 2016.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Nexus Gas Transmission Project and Texas Eastern Appalachian Lease Project**

	Docket No.
NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC.	CP16–22–000
Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.	CP16–23–000
DTE Gas Company .....	CP16–24–000
Vector Pipeline L.P .....	CP16–102–000

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the NEXUS Gas Transmission (NGT) Project and Texas Eastern Appalachian Lease (TEAL) Project (jointly referred to as “Projects”), proposed by NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC (NEXUS) and Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in the above-referenced dockets. NEXUS and Texas Eastern request authorization to construct a new Greenfield pipeline and expand an existing pipeline system from the Appalachian Basin to deliver 1.5 million dekatherms per day to consuming markets in Northern Ohio, Southeastern Michigan, and Ontario, Canada. DTE Gas Company and Vector Pipeline L.P. are requesting approval to lease capacity on their systems to NEXUS.

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Projects in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. The FERC staff concludes that approval of the Projects would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, most of these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of NEXUS’s and Texas Eastern’s proposed mitigation measures and the additional recommendations in the draft EIS.

Some of the route alternatives suggested during scoping would affect landowners that have not been part of the FERC’s environmental scoping process, as further discussed on page 5. Therefore, by this letter we are notifying these parties of our evaluation and requesting comments about the following alternative routes presented in section 3 of the draft EIS: City of Green Route Alternative, Chippewa Lake C Route Variation, and Reserve Avenue Route Variation.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the draft EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the National Environmental Policy Act analysis. Although the FWS and EPA provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the draft EIS, the FWS and EPA will each present its own conclusions and recommendations in its respective record of decision or determination for the Projects.

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the

construction and operation of both the NGT and TEAL Projects. The NGT Project consists of about 255.9 miles of pipeline composed of the following facilities:

- 208.9 miles of new 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Ohio;
- 47 miles of new 36-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Michigan;
- associated equipment and facilities.

The TEAL Project would include two main components:

- 4.4 miles of new 36-inch-diameter loop pipeline in Ohio;
- 0.3 mile of new 30-inch-diameter interconnecting pipeline Ohio; and
- associated equipment and facilities.

The Projects’ proposed aboveground facilities include five new compressor stations in Ohio; additional compression and related modifications to one existing compressor station in Ohio; five new metering and regulating stations in Ohio; one new metering and regulating station in Michigan; and minor modifications at existing aboveground facilities at various locations across Ohio.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the draft EIS to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries near the Projects. Paper copy versions of this draft EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a CD version. In addition, the draft EIS 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 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 draft EIS may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the final EIS, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before August 29, 2016.

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Projects’ docket numbers (CP16–22–000 for the NGT Project and CP16–23–000 for the TEAL Project) 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