

in Greene and Fayette Counties at RM 82. The Maxwell Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project would be located downstream of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, in Washington County at RM 61.2. The Monongahela Locks and Dam 4 Hydroelectric Project would be located near Charleroi, Pennsylvania, in Washington County at RM 41.5. The projects would collectively occupy 19.9 acres of federal land.

Staff has prepared a multi-project environmental assessment (EA) that analyzes the potential environmental effects of the six projects and concludes that constructing and operating the projects, with appropriate environmental protection measures, would not constitute a major federal action that would significantly affect the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number for one of the proposed projects (e.g., P-13753), excluding the last three digits, in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to these or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Any comments should be filed within 30 days from the date of this notice. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659. 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: "Opekiska Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13753-002, Morgantown Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13762-002, Point Marion Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13771-002, Grays Landing Lock and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13763-002, Maxwell Locks and Dam Hydroelectric Project No. 13766-002, and/or Monongahela Locks and Dam 4

Hydroelectric Project No. 13767-002," as appropriate.

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD16-25-000]

#### Utilization In the Organized Markets of Electric Storage Resources as Transmission Assets Compensated Through Transmission Rates, for Grid Support Services Compensated in Other Ways, and for Multiple Services; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a technical conference on November 9, 2016, at the Commission's offices at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and ending at 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Commission staff will lead the conference, and Commissioners may attend.

Electric storage resources<sup>1</sup> are able to provide services to multiple entities (i.e., Regional Transmission Organizations/Independent System Operators (RTO/ISO), the distribution utilities, or other markets). In addition, these storage resources may fit into one or more of the traditional asset functions of generation, transmission, and distribution. The Commission wants to explore the circumstances under which it may be appropriate for electric storage resources to provide multiple services, whether the RTO/ISO tariffs need to include provisions to accommodate these business models, and how the Commission may ensure just and reasonable compensation for these resources in the RTO/ISO markets.<sup>2</sup> The subject of the conference will be the

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of this conference, Commission staff defines an electric storage resource as a facility that can receive electric energy from the grid and store it for later injection of electricity back to the grid. This includes all types of electric storage technologies, regardless of their size and storage medium, or whether they are interconnected to the transmission system, distribution system, or behind a customer meter.

<sup>2</sup> On April 11, 2016, Commission staff issued, in Docket No. AD16-20-000, data requests and a request for comments seeking information about the rules in RTO/ISO markets that affect the participation of electric storage resources.

utilization of electric storage resources as transmission assets compensated through transmission rates, for grid support services that are compensated in other ways, and for multiple services. The discussion will include issues related to (1) potential models for cost recovery for electric storage resources utilized as transmission assets, while also selling energy, capacity or ancillary services at wholesale; (2) potential models to enable an electric storage resource to provide a compensated grid support service (like a generator providing ancillary services under a reliability must-run contract) rather than being compensated for providing transmission service; and (3) practical considerations for electric storage resources providing multiple services at once (i.e., providing both wholesale service(s) and retail and/or end-use service(s)). Further details of the conference will be specified in a supplemental notice.

Those wishing to participate in this conference should submit a nomination form online by 5:00 p.m. on October 14, 2016 at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-09-16-speaker-form.asp>.

All interested persons may attend the conference, and registration is not required. However, in-person attendees are encouraged to register on-line at: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-09-16-form.asp>.

This conference will be transcribed and webcasted. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company at (202) 347-3700. A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov). The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to [accessibility@ferc.gov](mailto:accessibility@ferc.gov), call (866) 208-3372 (toll free) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For information about the technical conference, please contact Rahim Amerkhail at (202) 502-8266, [rahim.amerkhail@ferc.gov](mailto:rahim.amerkhail@ferc.gov). For logistic information, please contact Sarah McKinley at (202) 502-8368, [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-501-000]

#### **Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Marshall County Mine Panel 17w Project Request for Comments on Environmental Issues**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the proposed Marshall County Mine Panel 17W Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Marshall County, West Virginia. Texas Eastern indicates the project would excavate, elevate and/or replace certain sections of four different pipelines and appurtenant facilities located in Marshall County due to planned longwall mining activities. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before October 30, 2016.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on September 29, 2016, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP16-501-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and

local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Texas Eastern provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)).

#### **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. 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). Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature 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 file your comments electronically by 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*." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP16-501-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Texas Eastern proposes to excavate and elevate 0.5-mile-sections of each of its Lines 10 (30-inch diameter), 15 (30-inch-diameter), 25 (36-inch-diameter) and 30 (36-inch-diameter) to minimize and monitor potential strains on the pipelines due to anticipated longwall mining activities of Marshall Coal. Concurrent with pipeline elevation, portions of two of the lines, Lines 10 and 15, would be replaced with new pipe to accommodate a minimum Class 2 design. All but two sections of Lines 10 and 15 will be removed. Texas Eastern will also perform maintenance activities on sections of Lines 25 and 30. The four mainline sections will be returned to natural gas service while remaining elevated using sandbags and skids during the longwall mining activities and potential ground subsidence. Once the mining-induced subsidence and the 2017-2018 heating season have both ended, the two sections of Lines 10 and 15 located within wetlands will be removed and the four elevated pipeline sections will be re-installed belowground, hydrostatically tested, and placed back into service.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction workspace would disturb about 54.7 acres of land for the pipeline excavation, elevation, and/or replacement. Following construction, Texas Eastern would maintain about 8.6 acres of existing right-of-way for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

#### **The EA Process**

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us<sup>2</sup> to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.