grant if the applicant or grantee is not financially stable; has a history of unsatisfactory performance; has a financial or other management system that does not meet the standards in 2 CFR part 200, subpart D; has not fulfilled the conditions of a prior grant; or is otherwise not responsible.

4. Integrity and Performance System: If you are selected under this competition to receive an award that over the course of the project period may exceed the simplified acquisition threshold (currently \$150,000), under 2 CFR 200.205(a)(2) we must make a judgment about your integrity, business ethics, and record of performance under Federal awards—that is, the risk posed by you as an applicant—before we make an award. In doing so, we must consider any information about you that is in the integrity and performance system (currently referred to as the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS)), accessible through SAM. You may review and comment on any information about yourself that a Federal agency previously entered and that is currently in FAPIIS.

Please note that, if the total value of your currently active grants, cooperative agreements, and procurement contracts from the Federal Government exceeds \$10,000,000, the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, require you to report certain integrity information to FAPIIS semiannually. Please review the requirements in 2 CFR part 200, Appendix XII, if this grant plus all the other Federal funds you receive exceed \$10,000,000.

## VI. Award Administration Information

1. Award Notices: If your application is successful, we notify your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators and send you a Grant Award Notification (GAN); or we may send you an email containing a link to access an electronic version of your GAN. We may notify you informally, also.

If your application is not evaluated or not selected for funding, we notify you. 2. Administrative and National Policy

2. Administrative and National Policy Requirements: We identify administrative and national policy requirements in the application package and reference these and other requirements in the Applicable Regulations section of this notice.

We reference the regulations outlining the terms and conditions of an award in the *Applicable Regulations* section of this notice and include these and other specific conditions in the GAN. The GAN also incorporates your approved application as part of your binding commitments under the grant. 3. *Reporting:* (a) If you apply for a grant under this competition, you must ensure that you have in place the necessary processes and systems to comply with the reporting requirements in 2 CFR part 170 should you receive funding under the competition. This does not apply if you have an exception under 2 CFR 170.110(b).

(b) At the end of your project period, you must submit a final performance report, including financial information, as directed by the Secretary. If you receive a multi-year award, you must submit an annual performance report that provides the most current performance and financial expenditure information as directed by the Secretary under 34 CFR 75.118. The Secretary may also require more frequent performance reports under 34 CFR 75.720(c). For specific requirements on reporting, please go to www.ed.gov/ fund/grant/apply/appforms/ appforms.html.

(c) Under 34 CFR 75.250(b), the Secretary may provide a grantee with additional funding for data collection analysis and reporting. In this case the Secretary establishes a data collection period.

4. Performance Measures: The overall purpose of the SEED program is to support projects by National Not-for-Profit organizations that are supported by at least Moderate Evidence of Effectiveness to recruit, select, and prepare or provide professional enhancement activities for teachers, principals, or both. We have established the following performance measures for the SEED program: (a) The percentage of teacher and principal participants who serve concentrations of High-Need Students; (b) the percentage of participants who serve concentrations of High-Need Students and are highly effective; (c) the percentage of participants who serve concentrations of High-Need Students, are highly effective, and serve for at least two years; and (d) the cost per such participant. Grantees will report annually on each measure.

### VII. Agency Contact

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margarita Meléndez, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., Room 4W115, Washington, DC 20202– 5960. Telephone: (202) 260–3548, or by email: *SEED@ed.gov*.

If you use a TDD or TTY, call the FRS, toll free, at 1–800–877–8339.

# VIII. Other Information

*Accessible Format:* Individuals with disabilities can obtain this document and a copy of the application package in

an accessible format (*e.g.*, braille, large print, audiotape, or compact disc) on request to the program contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** in section VII of this notice.

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Dated: December 16, 2016.

## Nadya Chinoy Dabby,

Assistant Deputy Secretary for Innovation and Improvement.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

# **Combined Notice of Filings**

Take notice that the Commission has received the following Natural Gas Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Number: PR17–12–001. Applicants: Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc..

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b),(e)/: CMD SOC effective 10–

27–2016 Amendment to be effective 10/

27/2016; Filing Type: 1000.

Filed Date: 12/13/2016.

Accession Number: 201612135028. Comments/Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 1/

3/17.

Docket Number: PR17–13–000. Applicants: Jefferson Island Storage & Hub, L.L.C.

*Description:* Market Power Study Reaffirming Market-Based Rates. *Filed Date:* 12/8/2016.

- Accession Number: 20161208–5175.
- *Comments/Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/29/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17-253-000.

Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Negotiated Rate PAL Agreement with MIECO INC. to be effective 12/10/2016. *Filed Date:* 12/9/16.

Accession Number: 20161209–5191. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–255–000. Applicants: Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing Annual Flowthrough Crediting

Mechanism Filing on 12/12/16. Filed Date: 12/12/16. Accession Number: 20161212–5058. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–256–000.

*Applicants:* Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

*Description:* Compliance filing Gas Quality Settlement.

Filed Date: 12/13/16. Accession Number: 20161213–5000. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–257–000.

*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2016–12–2 Capacity Enhancement Amend Many Ks to be effective 12/13/ 2016.

Filed Date: 12/13/16.

Accession Number: 20161213–5110. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–258–000.

*Applicants:* Gulf Shore Energy Partners, LP.

*Description:* Compliance filing Gulf Shore Energy Partners—Cost and Revenue Study.

Filed Date: 12/13/16. Accession Number: 20161213–5113. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–259–000. Applicants: Natural Gas Pipeline

Company of America. Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing:

Negotiated Rate—Occidental Energy to be effective 1/1/2017.

Filed Date: 12/13/16. Accession Number: 20161213–5148. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16. Docket Numbers: RP17–260–000. Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate—Piedmont Release to Atmos—8944225 to be effective 12/9/ 2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/13/16. *Accession Number:* 20161213–5237. *Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

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.

### Filings in Existing Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP17–200–001. Applicants: Guardian Pipeline, L.L.C. Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Docket No. RP17–200– 000 to be effective 12/31/2016. Filed Date: 12/12/16. Accession Number: 20161212–5208. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

Docket Numbers: RP17–71–001. Applicants: Algonquin Gas

Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing AGT FRQ 2016 Compliance Filing.

Filed Date: 12/12/16. Accession Number: 20161212–5084. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/27/16.

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: December 14, 2016.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## Final EPA–USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic Alteration

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and United States Geological Survey (USGS). **ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the United States Geological Survey are releasing a technical report: *Final EPA–USGS Technical Report: Protecting Aquatic Life from Effects of Hydrologic*  Alteration. Healthy aquatic ecosystems provide an array of services to individuals and society, including clean drinking water, irrigation supplies, and recreational opportunities. Sound and sustainable management of aquatic ecosystems is an integral part of managing water resources to meet the needs of society. Hydrologic alteration can be a contributor to the impairment of water bodies that are designated to support aquatic life. Stresses on aquatic life associated with hydrologic alteration may be further exacerbated by climate change.

This report provides States, Tribes and territories with scientific and technical information on the natural flow regime and potential effects of flow alteration on aquatic life, and a flexible, nonprescriptive framework that state water managers might consider if they are interested in developing narrative or numeric targets for flow regime components that are protective of aquatic life. The report also provides information about States and Tribes that have adopted narrative water quality standards to protect their waterbodies' flow regimes and on the potential impact of climate change on flow regimes.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

A. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

1. Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the Water Docket, EPA/ DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426. For additional