DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15–138–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Atlantic Sunrise Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Atlantic Sunrise Project, proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to expand its existing pipeline system from the Marcellus Shale production area in northern Pennsylvania to deliver an incremental 1.7 million dekatherms per day of year-round firm transportation capacity to its existing southeastern market areas.

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the project would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, most of these impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of Transco’s proposed mitigation and the additional measures recommended in the final EIS.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources Conservation Service participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the final EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. Although the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Natural Resources Conservation Service provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EIS, the agencies will present their own conclusions and recommendations in their respective records of decision or determinations for the project.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of about 199.4 miles of pipeline composed of the following facilities:

- 185.9 miles of new 30- and 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Pennsylvania;
- 11.0 miles of new 36- and 42-inch-diameter pipeline looping in Pennsylvania;
- 2.5 miles of 30-inch-diameter replacements in Virginia; and
- associated equipment and facilities.

The project’s proposed aboveground facilities include two new compressor stations in Pennsylvania; additional compression and related modifications to three existing compressor stations in Pennsylvania and Maryland; two new meter stations and three new regulator stations in Pennsylvania; and minor modifications at existing aboveground facilities at various locations in Pennsylvania, Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina, and South Carolina to allow for bi-directional flow and the installation of supplemental odorization, odor detection, and/or odor masking/deodorization equipment.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the final 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; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. Paper copy versions of this EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a CD version.

In addition, the final EIS is available for public viewing on the FERC’s Web site (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.

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality’s (CEQ) regulations implementing NEPA, no agency decision on a proposed action may be made until 30 days after the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publishes a notice of availability of the final EIS in the Federal Register.

However, the CEQ regulations provide an exception to this rule when an agency decision is subject to a formal internal appeal process that allows other agencies or the public to make their views known. In such cases, the agency decision may be made at the same time the notice of the final EIS is published, allowing both periods to run concurrently. The Commission decision for this proposed action is subject to a 30-day rehearing period.

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) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on “General Search,” and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (i.e., CP15–138). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676; 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.

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Combined Notice of Filings #2

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


**Description:** Updated Market Power Analysis for the Northwest Region and Notice of Change in Status of the Morgan Stanley Public Utilities, et al.

**Filed Date:** 12/30/16.

**Accession Number:** 20161230–5239.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.


**Description:** Triennial Market Power Analysis for the Northwest Region of Pavant Solar, LLC, et al.

**Filed Date:** 12/30/16.

**Accession Number:** 20161230–5240.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

**Docket Numbers:** ER15–2351–002; Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

**Description:** Compliance filing: Alliant Energy Corp. Serv. Att AH SA 3066SO/Att AO SA 3071SO to be effective 1/1/2015.

**Filed Date:** 1/3/17.

**Accession Number:** 20170103–5090.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 1/24/17.

**Docket Numbers:** ER16–328–003; ER10–2196–003; ER11–4027–008; ER12–1275–003; ER12–952–004; ER13–1143–004; ER13–1144–004; ER15–1657–004; ER16–918–002.


**Description:** Updated Market Power Analysis for the Northeast Region of Cogentrix Virginia Financing Holding Company, LLC, et al.

**Filed Date:** 12/30/16.

**Accession Number:** 20161230–5230.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

**Docket Numbers:** ER17–736–000; Applicants: Southwest Power Pool, Inc.

**Description:** § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3125R4 Basin Electric Power Cooperative NITSA and NOA to be effective 12/1/2016.

**Filed Date:** 1/3/17.

**Accession Number:** 20170103–5186.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 1/24/17.


Applicants: Atlantic Renewable Projects II LLC, Avangrid Renewables, LLC, Big Horn Wind Project LLC, Big Horn II Wind Project LLC, Colorado Green Holdings LLC, Hay Canyon Wind LLC, Juniper Canyon Wind Power LLC, Klamath Energy LLC, Klamath Generation LLC, Klondike Wind Power LLC, Klondike Wind Power II LLC, Leaning Juniper Wind Power II LLC, Pebble Springs Wind LLC, San Luis Solar LLC, Star Point Wind Project LLC, Twin Buttes Wind LLC.

**Description:** Updated Market Power Analysis for the Northwest Region of AVANGRID Northwest MBR Sellers.

**Filed Date:** 12/30/16.

**Accession Number:** 20161230–5239.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.


**Description:** Updated Market Power Analysis for the Northwest Region and Notice of Change in Status of the Morgan Stanley Public Utilities, et al.

**Filed Date:** 12/30/16.

**Accession Number:** 20161230–5237.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 2/28/17.

**Docket Numbers:** ER15–195–003; ER16–1250–003; ER16–840–003; ER17–738–000.

Applicants: Quantum Power Corp.

**Description:** Compliance filing: Market Based Rate Tariff Baseline Filing to be effective 1/1/2017.

**Filed Date:** 1/3/17.

**Accession Number:** 20170103–5186.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 1/24/17.

**Docket Numbers:** ER17–736–000.

Applicants: Rhode Island State Energy Services, LLC.

**Description:** § 205(d) Rate Filing: 3125R4 Basin Electric Power Cooperative NITSA and NOA to be effective 12/1/2016.

**Filed Date:** 1/3/17.

**Accession Number:** 20170103–5186.

**Comments Due:** 5 p.m. ET 1/24/17.

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) 208–3076 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.


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