

strikes, and the Alaska Eskimos may use no more than 75 strikes.

Through its cooperative agreement with the AEWG, NOAA has assigned 75 strikes to the Alaska Eskimos. The AEWG will in turn allocate these strikes among the 11 villages whose cultural and subsistence needs have been documented, and will ensure that its hunters use no more than 75 strikes.

#### Other Limitations

The IWC regulations, as well as the NOAA regulation at 50 CFR 230.4(c), forbid the taking of calves or any whale accompanied by a calf.

NOAA regulations (at 50 CFR 230.4) contain a number of other prohibitions relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling, some of which are summarized here:

- Only licensed whaling captains or crew under the control of those captains may engage in whaling.
- Captains and crew must follow the provisions of the relevant cooperative agreement between NOAA and a Native American whaling organization.
- The aboriginal hunters must have adequate crew, supplies, and equipment to engage in an efficient operation.
- Crew may not receive money for participating in the hunt.
- No person may sell or offer for sale whale products from whales taken in the hunt, except for authentic articles of Native American handicrafts.
- Captains may not continue to whale after the relevant quota is taken, after the season has been closed, or if their licenses have been suspended. They may not engage in whaling in a wasteful manner.

Dated: January 13, 2017.

#### John Henderschedt,

Director, Office for International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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:* PR17-15-000.  
*Applicants:* Columbia Gas of Maryland, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)/: CMD SOC to be effective 1/1/2017; Filing Type: 980.

*Filed Date:* 1/5/2017.  
*Accession Number:* 201701055071.  
*Comments/Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/26/17.

*Docket Number:* PR17-16-000.  
*Applicants:* Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

*Description:* Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)/: COH SOC to be effective 12/30/2016; Filing Type: 980.

*Filed Date:* 1/6/2017.  
*Accession Number:* 201701065044.  
*Comments/Protests Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/27/17.

*Docket Number:* RP17-325-000.  
*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 20161219 FDD Cycle Quantity Increase to be effective 6/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/5/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170105-5083.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/17/17.

*Docket Number:* RP17-326-000.  
*Applicants:* Elba Express Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Shell Phase I Negotiated Rate to be effective 2/10/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/5/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170105-5136.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/17/17.

*Docket Number:* RP17-327-000.  
*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate 2017-01-05 BP to be effective 1/6/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/5/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170105-5170.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/17/17.

*Docket Number:* RP17-328-000.  
*Applicants:* Dominion Carolina Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: DCGT—Web site Notification to be effective 2/6/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/6/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170106-5098.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/18/17.

*Docket Number:* RP17-329-000.  
*Applicants:* Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement—Castleton 510984 to be effective 1/8/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/6/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170106-5133.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/18/17.

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 Number:* RP16-1179-002.  
*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.  
*Description:* Compliance filing Negotiated Rate Service Agreement—Revised EQT Energy OVC Agreement to be effective 10/1/2016.

*Filed Date:* 12/21/16.  
*Accession Number:* 20161221-5081.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/13/17.  
*Docket Number:* RP17-197-002.  
*Applicants:* Dominion Cove Point LNG, LP.

*Description:* Compliance filing DCP—2016 Section 4 General Rate Case Compliance to be effective 1/1/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/5/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170105-5086.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/17/17.

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

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Dated: January 9, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

Secretary.

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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 Numbers:* RP17-50-000.  
*Applicants:* Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* Report Filing: Columbia Gulf Section 5 Settlement Refund Report.

*Filed Date:* 1/10/17.  
*Accession Number:* 20170110-5055.  
*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/17.

*Docket Numbers:* RP17-332-000.

*Applicants:* Equitrans, L.P.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing; Right of First Refusal Update to be effective 2/11/2017.

*Filed Date:* 1/11/17.

*Accession Number:* 20170111-5019.

*Comments Due:* 5 p.m. ET 1/23/17.

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.

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Dated: January 11, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP15-499-001; CP15-499-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Amendment to Application

Take notice that on December 30, 2016, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), 5400 Westheimer Court, Houston, Texas 77056, filed an amendment to its application in Docket No. CP15-499-000, pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations for its proposed South Texas Expansion Project (Project). Specifically, Texas Eastern requests, in addition to the authorizations requested in the previous application, authorization to (i) construct, install, own, operate, and maintain new gas release measurement equipment and associated enclosures at its existing Vidor and Mont Belvieu Compressor Stations in Orange and Chambers Counties, Texas, respectively, and at its proposed Petronila Compressor Station in Nueces County, Texas, new gas coolers at its existing

Blessing Compressor Station in Matagorda County, Texas, and a new tie-in to Pomelo Connector at Texas Eastern's proposed Petronila Compressor Station; (ii) acquire, by lease, 400,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of capacity on Pomelo Connector, LLC's proposed pipeline; (iii) change the Project's targeted in-service date from May 1, 2017 to October 1, 2018; (iv) change the Project's capacity from 400,000 Dth/d to 396,000 Dth/d; and (v) remove from the Project's scope the meter and regulating station at the proposed Petronila Compressor Station. Texas Eastern further proposes to amend its incremental project recourse rate and to modify its Exhibit K, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may be viewed on the web 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, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning these applications may be directed to Berk Donaldson, General Manager, Rates & Certificates, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4488, or by fax at (713) 627-5947.

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 analysis (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 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 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 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 5 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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 commenters 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 commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters 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.