SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, February 15, in Multi-Purpose Room LL–006 at the Commission’s headquarters, 100 F Street NE., Washington, DC.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (ET) and will be open to the public. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open at 9:00 a.m. Visitors will be subject to security checks. The meeting will be webcast on the Commission’s Web site at www.sec.gov.

On January 30, 2017, the Commission published notice of the Committee meeting (Release No. 33–10292), indicating that the meeting is open to the public and inviting the public to submit written comments to the Committee. This Sunshine Act notice is being issued because a majority of the Commission may attend the meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes matters relating to rules and regulations affecting small and emerging companies under the federal securities laws.

For further information, please contact Brent J. Fields from the Office of the Secretary at (202) 551–5400.

Dated: February 8, 2017.

Brent J. Fields,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 9880]


AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State [Department] announces availability for the public review and comment of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Line 67 Expansion (Draft SEIS). This document analyzes the potential environmental effects of issuing a Presidential Permit authorizing an increase in flow of liquid hydrocarbons through the Line 67 pipeline border segment. The Draft SEIS was prepared consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 United States Code [U.S.C.] Section 4321, et seq.), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500–1508), and the Department’s NEPA implementing regulations (22 CFR part 161).

DATES: The Department invites U.S. agencies, organizations, tribal governments, and members of the public to submit comments to assist the Department in identifying environmental and other relevant issues, any measures that might be adopted to reduce the proposed Project’s environmental impacts, and other information relevant to the Draft SEIS. The 45-day public comment period begins with the publication of this Notice on February 10, 2017 and ends on March 27, 2017. Comments submitted electronically through www.regulations.gov as described below are strongly encouraged, but all comments will be given equal weight. The Department will consider comments received or postmarked by March 27, 2017.

All comments received during the public comment period may be made public, no matter how initially submitted. Comments are not private and will not be edited to remove identifying or contact information. The Department cautions commenters against including any information that they would not want publicly disclosed. The Department further requests that any party soliciting or aggregating comments from other persons direct those persons not to include any identifying or contact information, or information they would not want publicly disclosed, in their comments.

The Department will hold a public meeting on Tuesday March 7, 2017 at the Sanford Center, 1111 Event Center Drive NE., Bemidji, Minnesota from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Parties may submit comments at http://www.regulations.gov by entering the “Enbridge Line 67” into the search field and following the prompts. Written comments should be addressed to: Ms. Mary D. Hassell, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Room 2727, Washington, DC 20520. As described above, comments are not private. All comments from agencies or organizations should indicate a contact person for the agency or organization.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Project details on the Enbridge application for a new Presidential Permit for Line 67 (including the amendment thereto), as well as the Draft SEIS and information on the Presidential Permit process, are available on the following Web site: http://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/.

Please refer to this Web site or contact Ms. Mary D. Hassell at the address listed in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department evaluates Presidential Permits under Executive Order (E.O.) 13337 and 11423, as amended. E.O. 13337 delegates to the Secretary of State the President’s authority to receive applications for permits for the construction, operation or maintenance of facilities for the exportation and importation of petroleum, petroleum products, coal or other fuels (except natural gas) at the borders of the United States, and to issue or deny such Presidential Permits upon a national interest determination. To make this determination, the Department considers many factors, including but not limited to foreign policy; energy security; environmental, cultural and economic impacts; and compliance with applicable law and policy.

On March 15, 2013, the Department issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) and To Conduct Scoping and To Initiate Consultation consistent With the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) for the Proposed Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership, Line 67 Capacity Expansion Project (2013 NOI) in the Federal Register (78 FR 16565). The 2013 NOI informed the public that the Department would be preparing an SEIS in support of its review of a November 2012 application from Enbridge Energy, Limited Partnership (Enbridge) for a new Presidential Permit that would, if granted, authorize Enbridge to operate its existing Line 67 at the pipeline’s full design capacity. In June 2014, Enbridge informed the Department that Enbridge intends to increase pumping capacity outside of the Line 67 “border segment” (the portion of Line 67 from the Canadian border to the first mainline shut-off valve in the United States, which is the segment that would be covered by a Presidential Permit), and to interconnect Line 67 with another Enbridge pipeline on both sides of the border segment. In light of the changes in the project description, the Department issued an amended NOI (2014 NOI) on August 18, 2014 (79 FR 48817) and conducted additional public scoping. A description of the proposed project is included in the 2014 NOI and within Chapter 2 of the Draft SEIS.

Availability of the Draft SEIS
Copies of the Draft SEIS have been distributed to state and governmental agencies, tribal governments, and other interested parties. Printed copies of the document may be obtained by visiting the libraries listed below or by contacting Mary Hassell at the above address. The Draft SEIS is available on the project Web site at http://www.state.gov/e/enr/applicant/applicants/.

A.C. Clark Library, Bemidji, MN
Bemidji Public Library, Bemidji, MN
Cass Lake Community Library, Cass Lake, MN
Cloquet Public Library, Cloquet, MN
Duluth Public Library, Duluth, MN
Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids, MN
Hallock Public Library, Hallock, MN
Northwest Regional Library, Thief River Falls, MN
Pembina School and Public Library, Pembina, ND
Superior Public Library, Superior, WI
Barton J. Putney,
Director, Office of Environmental Quality and Transboundary Issues, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
[Public Notice: 9881]

Notice of Receipt of TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P.’s Re-Application for a Presidential Permit To Construct, Connect, Operate, and Maintain Pipeline Facilities on the Border of the United States and Canada

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: TransCanada Keystone Pipeline, L.P. (“TransCanada”) applied on May 4, 2012 to the U.S. Department of State (“Department”) for a Presidential Permit that would authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of pipeline facilities on the U.S./Canadian border in Phillips County, Montana for the importation of crude oil. The border facilities would be part of a proposed 875-mile pipeline and related facilities (the Keystone XL project) that is designed to transport up to 830,000 barrels per day of crude oil from Alberta, Canada and the Bakken shale formation in North Dakota and Montana. The pipeline would cross the U.S. border near Morgan, Montana and continue through Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, where it would connect to existing pipeline facilities near Steele City, Nebraska for onward delivery to Cushing, Oklahoma and the U.S. Gulf Coast Region.

On November 6, 2015, the Department announced the Secretary of State’s determination under Executive Order 13337 that issuing a Presidential Permit to TransCanada for the proposed Keystone XL pipeline’s border facilities would not serve the national interest, and denied the Permit application. On January 24, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued a Presidential Memorandum (the “Presidential Memorandum”) on the Construction of the Keystone XL Pipeline which, inter alia, invited TransCanada “to re-submit its application to the Department of State for a Presidential permit for the construction and operation of the Keystone XL Pipeline. . . .” The Presidential Memorandum is reproduced in its entirety at the end of this notice.

The Department has received a re-submitted application from TransCanada and will conduct a review of the application in accordance with the Presidential Memorandum and any other applicable requirements.

On February 5, 2014, the Department invited members of the public to comment on any factor they deem relevant to the national interest determination that will be made for the Keystone XL project application (79 FR 6984) and it is not inviting further public comment at this time.

Background information related to the application, including a copy of TransCanada’s re-submitted application may be found at http://www.keystonepipeline-xl.state.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Director, Energy Resources Bureau, Energy Governance and Access, Policy Analysis and Public Diplomacy (ENR/EGA/PAPD), United States Department