across Columbia Pipeline Group’s system, including the Columbia Gulf Leach interconnect with Columbia Gulf. Columbia Gulf requests authorization to construct and operate seven new natural gas-fired compressor stations and to upgrade one approved compressor station and one existing meter station in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi. The GXP would provide about 860,000 Dth/d of natural gas delivery to markets in the Gulf Coast region.

The EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the MXP and GXP in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed projects would result in some adverse and significant environmental impacts. However, if the projects are constructed and operated in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, the mitigation measures discussed in this EIS, and our recommendations, these impacts would be reduced to acceptable levels.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17–257–000]

WBI Energy Transmission Inc.; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Valley Expansion Project

On April 26, 2017, WBI Energy Transmission Inc. (WBI Energy) filed an application in Docket No. CP17–257–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Valley Expansion Project (Project), and would provide an additional 40 million cubic feet per day of firm transportation on its system.

On May 9, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application in Docket No. CP17–257–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Valley Expansion Project (Project), and would provide an additional 40 million cubic feet per day of firm transportation on its system.

Schedule for Environmental Review

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Secretary.

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If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

**Project Description**

WBI Energy proposes to construct a new 2,600-horsepower electric-driven compressor station in Cass County, North Dakota; 38 miles of new 16-inch-diameter pipeline between Mapleton, North Dakota and Felton, Minnesota; and farm taps, valve settings, and ancillary facilities. Additionally, WBI Energy proposes to replace two existing town border station delivery points and construct one regulator station in Burleigh, Stutsman, and Barnes Counties, North Dakota, respectively, to increase the operating pressure of a portion of its Line Section 24.

**Background**

On November 23, 2016, the Commission issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Valley Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues (NOI). The NOI was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket No. PF16–10 and was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, commenters raised concerns regarding: watershed and waterbody crossings; stormwater discharge; groundwater impacts; flood zone impacts; reseeding and species review requirements; Section 106 consultation; cultural and land valuation impacts; route variations; project impacts on the Fargo-Moorhead Area Diversion Project; and fugitive dust emissions and noise impacts.

**Additional Information**

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission’s Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-3676 (toll free) or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov). Using the eLibrary link, select General Search from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and Docket Number excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP17–257), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208–3676, TTY (202) 502–8659, or at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

**[Project No. 3267–016]**

**Chasm Hydro, Inc.; ECOSponsible, LLC; Notice of Application for Transfer of License and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests**

On July 10, 2017, Chasm Hydro, Inc. (transferor) and ECOSponsible, LLC (transferee) filed an application for the transfer of license for the Ballard Mill Project No. 3267, from the transferor to the transferee. The project is located on the Salmon River in Franklin County, New York. The project does not occupy Federal lands.

The applicants seek Commission approval to transfer the license for the Ballard Mills Project from the transferor to the transferee.

**Applicant's Contacts:**
Mr. John Dowd, President, Chasm Hydro, Inc., P.O. Box 265, Chateaugay, NY 12920.

For Transferee: Mr. Dennis Ryan, Manager, ECOSponsible, LLC, P.O. Box 114, West Falls, NY 14170.

**FERC Contact:**
Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502–8735, patricia.gillis@ferc.gov.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests: 30 days from the date that the Commission issues this notice. The Commission may consider electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests using the Commission’s eFile system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208–3676 (toll free), or (202) 502–8659 (TTY). 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 docket number P–3267–016.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Nominations to the Augmented Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC); Request for Comments**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides the names and affiliations of additional candidates currently under consideration for appointment to the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC). The purpose of the SACC is to provide independent advice and expert consultation at the request of the EPA Administrator with respect to the scientific and technical aspects of risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures or approaches. After further consideration of the objectives and scope of SACC activities, EPA is considering additional candidates for SACC membership from the August 26, 2016 Federal Register notice pool of requested nominees. These additional candidates are named in this notice. The Agency is also considering the 29 candidates for membership previously identified in the December 9, 2016 Federal Register notice. Comments that were previously received on the 29 candidates will also be considered. The Agency, at this time, anticipates selecting approximately six additional SACC members with specific expertise and perspectives representing industry, labor, animal protection, government, public health, and public interest groups. Public comments on the candidates are invited as they will be used to assist the Agency in selecting the additional chartered committee members.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 5, 2017.