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Dated: September 5, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy 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: RP17-363-003.

Applicants: Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company.

Description: Compliance filing Alternative Motion Filing to be effective 8/1/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5050.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-975-001.

Applicants: Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP.

Description: Tariff Amendment: Amendment to Filing in Docket No. RP17-975-000 to be effective 8/17/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5099.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-982-000.

Applicants: National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Heath Station Abandonment to be effective 10/2/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5007.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-983-000.

Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: Compliance filing AGT 2017 OFO Penalty Disbursement Report.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5042.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-984-000.

Applicants: Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

Description: Compliance filing 2017 Operational Entitlements Filing.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5043.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-985-000.

Applicants: Empire Pipeline, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing CF—Settlement Rates (October 2017) to be effective 10/1/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5060.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-986-000.

Applicants: El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (APS Sept 2017) to be effective 9/1/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5074.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-987-000.

Applicants: Mojave Pipeline Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Passport to DART Implementation Filing to be effective 10/1/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5078.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-988-000.

Applicants: Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 2017 August Negotiated Rate to be effective 8/30/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5081.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-989-000.

Applicants: Southern Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Fuel Retention Rates—Winter 2017 to be effective 10/1/2017.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5097.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

Docket Numbers: RP17-990-000.

Applicants: Northern Natural Gas Company.

Description: Petition for a Limited Waiver of Northern Natural Gas Company under RP17-990.

Filed Date: 8/30/17.

Accession Number: 20170830-5156.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/11/17.

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) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 31, 2017.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL17-86-000]

Nebraska Public Power District v. Southwest Power Pool; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on August 31, 2017, pursuant to Rule 206 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 and sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824(e) and 825(e), Nebraska Public Power District (Complainant or NPPD) filed a formal complaint against Southwest Power Pool (Respondent or SPP) alleging that SPP's billing of \$860,742.65 to NPPD in connection with the Attachment Z2 revenue crediting process is unlawful under SPP's Open Access Transmission Tariff, all as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainant states that certifies copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for Respondent as listed on the Commission's list of Corporate Officials.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. The Respondent's answer and all interventions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. The Respondent's answer, motions to intervene, and protests must be served on the Complainants.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for electronic review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 20, 2017.

Dated: September 1, 2017.

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Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-476-000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Westlake Expansion Project, and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Westlake Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to

evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before September 29, 2017.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on July 20, 2017, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP17-476-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Gulf South provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled *An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?* This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site (www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site

(www.ferc.gov) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on *eRegister*. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP17-476-000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Summary of the Proposed Project

Gulf South proposes to construct and operate the following facilities as part of the Westlake Expansion Project in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana:

- One new 10,000 horsepower compressor station (Westlake Compressor Station) and appurtenant facilities;
- approximately 1,600 feet of 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline lateral; and
- two new metering and regulating stations (Entergy Lake Charles and Varibus M&R Stations).

The project would provide about 200 million cubic feet of natural gas per day to the proposed 980 megawatt natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generating plant near Westlake, Louisiana.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Land Requirements for Construction

Construction of the pipeline facilities, including additional temporary workspace and a temporary access road, would disturb about 11.8 acres of land, of which Gulf South would permanently maintain 0.9 acre. Construction of the aboveground facilities (Westlake Compressor Station, Entergy Lake Charles M&R Station, and Varibus M&R Station) and access roads would disturb about 30 acres, of which Gulf South would permanently maintain 10.7 acres.

The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called eLibrary or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.