

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Office of Fossil Energy, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:**

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**

1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (CST)—  
Registration

2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)—Meeting

**Friday, March 2, 2018**

8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. (CST)—  
Registration

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (CST)—Meeting

**ADDRESSES:** Hotel Galvez, Navigation Room, 2024 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77550.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lou Capitanio, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Phone: (202) 586-5098.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Committee:* The purpose of the Methane Hydrate Advisory Committee is to provide advice on potential applications of methane hydrate to the Secretary of Energy, and assist in developing recommendations and priorities for the Department of Energy's Methane Hydrate Research and Development Program.

*Tentative Agenda:* The agenda will include: Welcome and Introduction by the Designated Federal Officer; Committee Business including election of Committee Chair; Report of Committee Representatives Meeting with the Assistant Secretary of Fossil Energy; Update on Methane Hydrate Major Projects; Review of International Activities; Update on Atlantic Margin Gas Hydrate Resources; Methane Hydrate Program Budget and FY 2018 Plans; Regulatory Reform; Advisory Committee Discussion; and Public Comments, if any.

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. The Designated Federal Officer and the Chair of the Committee will conduct the meeting to facilitate the orderly conduct of business. If you would like to file a written statement with the Committee, you may do so either before or after the meeting. If you would like to make oral

statements regarding any of the items on the agenda, you should contact Lou Capitanio at the phone number listed above. You must make your request for an oral statement at least five business days prior to the meeting, and reasonable provisions will be made to include the presentation on the agenda. Public comment will follow the three-minute rule.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying within 60 days at the following website: <https://energy.gov/fe/services/advisory-committees/methane-hydrate-advisory-committee>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 30, 2018.

**LaTanya R. Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP18-50-000]

**Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization; Texas Eastern Transmission, LP**

Take notice that on January 19, 2018, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern), P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251, filed a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, and the blanket certificate issued by the Commission in Docket No. CP82-535-000 requesting authorization to relocate certain segments of two adjacent pipelines in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania as part of its Skippack Pike Relocation Project. The Skippack Pike Relocation Project will accommodate a planned expansion of Pennsylvania State Route 202 in Montgomery County by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. Specifically, Texas Eastern proposes to relocate certain segments of its Line 1-B and Line 1-F pipelines, and to cut, cap and fill with grout certain portions of these pipelines. The total cost of the Skippack Pike Relocation Project is estimated to be approximately \$12,600,000, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also 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, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Leanne Sidorkewicz, Manager, Rates and Certificates, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, P.O. Box 1642, Houston, Texas 77251-1642, by telephone at (713) 627-4515, by fax at (713) 627-5947, or by email at [leanne.sidorkewicz@enbridge.com](mailto:leanne.sidorkewicz@enbridge.com).

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 60 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to section 157.205 of the regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205), a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

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 assessment (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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or 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 for Environmental Review 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 FEIS or EA.

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 commenter's 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 commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, 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.

Dated: January 26, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9037-4]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7156 or <http://www2.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed 01/22/2018 Through 01/26/2018 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-nepa-public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20180009, Final, FHWA, CO,* U.S. 50 Corridor East Tier 1 Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision. Under MAP-21, Section 1319, FHWA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period does not apply to this action, Contact: Melinda Urban 720-963-3073.

*EIS No. 20180010, Final Supplement, USFS, MT, Forest Plan Supplemental EIS—Bighorn Sheep, Review Period Ends: 03/28/2018, Contact: Jan Bowey 406-683-3853.*

Dated: January 30, 2018.

**Kelly Knight,**  
Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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## EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Request

**AGENCY:** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection—extension without change: State and Local Government Information Report (EEO-4).

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) announces that it intends to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for a three-year extension without change of the State and Local Government Information Report (EEO-4 Report, Form 164).

**DATES:** Written comments on this notice must be submitted on or before April 3, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Bernadette Wilson, Executive Officer, Executive Secretariat, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20507. As a convenience to commenters, the Executive Secretariat will accept comments totaling six or fewer pages by facsimile ("FAX") machine. This limitation is necessary to assure access to the equipment. The telephone number of the fax receiver is (202) 663-4114. (This is not a toll-free number). Receipt of FAX transmittals will not be acknowledged, except that the sender may request confirmation of receipt by calling the Executive Secretariat staff at (202) 663-4070 (voice) or (202) 663-4074 (TTD). (These are not toll-free telephone numbers.) Instead of sending written comments to EEOC, you may submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments. All comments received through this portal will be posted without change, including any personal information you provide, except as noted below. The EEOC reserves the right to refrain from posting comments, including those that contain obscene, indecent, or profane language; that contain threats or defamatory

statements; that contain hate speech directed at race, color, sex, national origin, age, religion, disability, or genetic information; or that promote or endorse services or products. All comments received, including any personal information provided, also will be available for public inspection during normal business hours by appointment only at the EEOC Headquarters Library, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20507. Upon request, individuals who require assistance viewing comments will be provided appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. To schedule an appointment, contact EEOC Library staff at (202) 663-4630 (voice) or (202) 663-4641 (TTY). (These are not toll-free numbers.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Benita Marsh, Director of Surveys, Office of Research, Information and Planning, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 131 M Street NE, Washington, DC 20507; (202) 663-7197 (voice) or by email at [Benita.Marsh@eoc.gov](mailto:Benita.Marsh@eoc.gov). Requests for this notice in an alternative format should be made to the Office of Communications and Legislative Affairs at (202) 663-4191 (voice) or (202) 663-4494 (TTY).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, and OMB Regulations 5 CFR 1320.8(d)(1), the Commission solicits public comment to enable it to:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

### Overview of Current Information Collection

*Collection Title:* State and Local Government Information Report (EEO-4).

*OMB—Number:* 3046-0008.

*Frequency of Report:* Biennial.