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*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 16, 2018.

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Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-12-000]

#### Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project

On October 31, 2017, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural) filed an application in Docket No. CP18-12-000 requesting permission pursuant to Section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon certain facilities. The proposed project is known as the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project (Project), and is located in Kankakee County, Illinois.

On November 8, 2017, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the

requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—April 12, 2018  
90-Day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline—July 11, 2018

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

Natural proposes to abandon in place injection/withdrawal wells, pipeline laterals, and observation wells, and abandon by removal Compressor Station 202 and ancillary aboveground facilities belonging to its Herscher Northwest natural gas storage field in Kankakee, Illinois. Natural would also abandon in place approximately 15.3 billion cubic feet of non-recoverable cushion gas.

#### Background

On January 2, 2018 the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the proposed Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The primary issue raised by the EPA is potential impacts on groundwater.

#### 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](http://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-FERC or on the FERC

website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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.*, CP18-12), 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website 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

[Docket No. ER18-807-000]

#### Pinal Central Energy Center, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding Pinal Central Energy Center, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is February 26, 2018.

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