

Line 880, currently owned by Spire Missouri Inc. (Spire Missouri);<sup>1</sup> and (iii) minor modifications to Line 880 after it is acquired. This notice set February 27, 2017, as the deadline for motions to intervene.

On May 1, 2017, in Docket No. CP17-40-001, the Commission issued public notice of Spire's amendment to its application to propose a route alternative. Instead of acquiring and refurbishing Spire Missouri's Line 880, Spire's amended application proposes to construct a new six-mile, 24-inch diameter pipeline for the final segment of its proposal (referred to as the North County Extension). This notice set May 22, 2017, as the deadline for motions to intervene.

Multiple motions to intervene out of time were filed between the intervention deadlines and December 19, 2017. Here, because the deadline for filing a timely intervention passed before the Commission announced its new policy governing late interventions in *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.*,<sup>2</sup> the late motions to intervene are granted.<sup>3</sup>

Dated: April 19, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. PR17-60-001; PR17-60-002]

#### Atmos Pipeline-Texas; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that an informal technical conference concerning the above-captioned proceedings will be convened by phone on May 2, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. (EDT). The purpose of the teleconference will be to discuss comments filed in the proceeding.

All interested parties are invited to participate by phone. Please email Deirdra Archie at [deirdra.archie@ferc.gov](mailto:deirdra.archie@ferc.gov) or call (202) 502-6819 by Tuesday, May 1, 2018, to RSVP and to receive specific instructions on how to participate.

<sup>1</sup> Spire Missouri Inc. was formerly known as Laclede Gas Company.

<sup>2</sup> *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co., L.L.C.*, 162 FERC 61,167, at P 51 (2018).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(d) (2017).

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**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-9-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725X); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting its information collection FERC-725X (Mandatory Reliability Standards: Voltage and Reactive (VAR) Standards) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-725X and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by May 25, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0278, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oira\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-8528.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18-9-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission->

[guide.asp](#). For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this docket or in viewing/downloading comments and issuances in this docket may do so at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/docs-filing.asp>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Brown may be reached by email at [DataClearance@FERC.gov](mailto:DataClearance@FERC.gov), by telephone at (202) 502-8663, and by fax at (202) 273-0873.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** FERC-725X, Mandatory Reliability Standards: Voltage and Reactive (VAR) Standards.

**OMB Control No.:** 1902-0278.

**Type of Request:** Three-year extension of the FERC-725X information collection requirements with no changes to the reporting requirements.

**Abstract:** Pursuant to Section 215 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), NERC established the Voltage and Reactive (VAR) group of Reliability Standards, which consists of two continent-wide Reliability Standards, VAR-001-4 and VAR-002-3.<sup>1</sup> These two standards were designed to maintain voltage stability on the Bulk-Power System, protect transmission, generation, distribution, and customer equipment, and support the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System. Voltage stability is the ability of a power system to maintain acceptable voltage levels throughout the system under normal operating conditions and following a disturbance. Failure to maintain acceptable voltage levels (*i.e.*, voltage levels become too high or too low) may cause violations of System Operating Limits (SOLs) and Interconnection Reliability Operating Limits (IROLs), resulting in damage to Bulk-Power System equipment, and thereby threaten the reliable operation of the Bulk-Power System.

#### Reliability Standard VAR-001-4<sup>2</sup>

Reliability Standard VAR-001-4 contains the following requirements:

- Specify a system-wide voltage schedule (which is either a range or a target value with an associated tolerance band) as part of its plan to operate within SOLs and IROLs, and to provide the voltage schedule to its Reliability Coordinator and adjacent Transmission Operators upon request (Requirement R1);

<sup>1</sup> FERC approved these standards in the Order in Docket No. RD14-11-000 (issued on 8/1/2014).

<sup>2</sup> Applies to generation operators only.