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Dated: September 6, 2018.

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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL18-197-000]

#### City of Oakland, California v. Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Notice of Complaint

Take notice that on September 5, 2018, pursuant to sections 206 and 306 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824e and 825e, and Rules 206 and 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.206 and 385.207, City of Oakland, California (Complainant) filed a formal complaint against Pacific Gas and Electric Company (Respondent) alleging that the Respondent's provision of power and transmission service to the Complainant failed to comply with the requirements of the Federal Power Act, as more fully explained in the complaint.

The Complainant certifies that copies of the complaint were served on the contacts for the 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 and 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 Complainant.

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 review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the website 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. Eastern Time on September 25, 2018.

Dated: September 6, 2018.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 14884-000]

#### Midwest Energy Recycling, LLC; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

On July 17, 2018, Midwest Energy Recycling, LLC filed an application for a preliminary permit, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act (FPA), proposing to study the feasibility of the Yellow Medicine County Pumped Storage Project to be located near the Minnesota River and the City of Granite Falls, in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota. The sole purpose of a preliminary permit, if issued, is to grant the permit holder priority to file a license application during the permit term. A preliminary permit does not authorize the permit holder to perform any land-disturbing activities or otherwise enter upon lands or waters owned by others without the owners' express permission.

The proposed project would consist of the following all new facilities: (1) A circular 100-acre rockfill embankment (upper reservoir) having a total storage capacity of 3,300 acre-feet with a maximum pond elevation level of 1089 feet mean sea level (msl); (2) a 2,400-foot by 1,425-foot rectangular lower reservoir with a total storage capacity of 3,300 acre-feet and water surface elevation between minus (–) 1,320 and minus 1,420 feet msl; (3) a 100-foot outside diameter, 18-foot inside diameter "morning glory" in

configuration reinforced concrete intake located in the upper reservoir; (4) a vertical 2,500-foot-long, 18-foot-diameter steel penstock connected to the intake at the upper reservoir and ending in a bifurcation before the powerhouse located at the lower reservoir; (5) a 200-foot-long, 70-foot-wide, 130-foot-high reinforced concrete powerhouse containing two 333-megawatt (MW) reversible pump turbine units with a total plant rating of 666 MW; (6) a 240-foot-long, 50-foot-wide, 40-foot-high transformer gallery; (7); a 200 to 1,000-foot-long, 345-kilovolt transmission line extending from the transformer gallery to an existing substation (the point of interconnection); and (8) appurtenant facilities. The estimated annual generation of the Yellow Medicine County Pumped Storage Project would be 1,450 gigawatt-hours.

*Applicant Contact:* Mr. Douglas A. Spaulding, P.E., Nelson Energy, 8441 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 101 Golden Valley, MN 55426; phone: (952) 544-8133.

*FERC Contact:* Sergiu Serban; phone: (202) 502-6211.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 Days from the issuance of this notice. Competing applications and notices of intent must meet the requirements of 18 CFR 4.36.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using the Commission's eFiling 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](mailto: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-14884-000.

More information about this project, including a copy of the application, can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-14884) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-533-000]

#### Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Line 1-N Abandonment 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 Line 1-N Abandonment Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Harrison and Marion Counties, Texas. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether to authorize the project.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of an authorization. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Time on October 6, 2018.

You can make a difference by submitting 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. Commission staff will consider and address all filed

comments during the preparation of the EA.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on July 24, 2018, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP18-533-000 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 easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law.

Texas Eastern 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 website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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 staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto: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, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to *Documents and Filings*. Using *eComment* 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, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://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*." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a "Comment on a Filing"; 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 (CP18-533-000) 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

Texas Eastern proposes to abandon a portion of its lateral Line 1-N and related facilities, in Harrison and Marion Counties, Texas. Specifically, Texas Eastern is requesting approval to abandon in place and by removal a total of approximately 30 miles of 8-inch, 10-inch, and 12-inch-diameter lateral pipeline; abandon by removal all of the facilities at Metering and Regulating (M&R) Station 70191; and abandon by removal all aboveground appurtenances on each of the 8-inch, 10-inch and 12-inch-diameter pipeline segments.

According to Texas Eastern, the project would eliminate the need for operating and maintenance expenditures on facilities that have not been used to provide service for over a year and are not necessary to meet Texas Eastern's firm service obligations. The project would not impact the daily design capacity of, or the operating conditions on, Texas Eastern's system, and it would not impact service for Texas Eastern's existing shippers.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

#### Land Requirements for Construction

The project would temporarily affect approximately 6 acres of land within the existing right-of-way. Following abandonment, Texas Eastern would revegetate temporary work areas in accordance with its Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan. Texas Eastern would retain and continue to maintain the pipeline right-of-way following abandonment activities.

<sup>1</sup> 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](http://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.