

The project would operate using the natural tidal currents of the East River, during both ebb and flood tidal periods. As the direction of tidal flow changes, each turbine-generator unit would rotate (or yaw) to align the rotor to the direction of flow, through a passive system caused by hydrodynamic forces on the turbine-generator unit. The annual generation is expected to be from 840 to 1,200 megawatt-hours.

m. In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested individuals an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Access Room due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

o. Scoping Process.

The Commission, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the RITE Project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

Commission staff does not propose to conduct any on-site scoping meetings at this time. Instead, we are soliciting comments, recommendations, and information, on the Scoping Document 1 (SD1) issued August 12, 2020.

Copies of SD1 outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 may 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, call 1-866-208-3676 or for TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: August 12, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,

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:

Docket Numbers: RP20-1087-000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Capacity Release Agreement—8/8/2020 to be effective 8/8/2020.

Filed Date: 8/7/20.

Accession Number: 20200807-5062.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/19/20.

Docket Numbers: RP20-1090-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: 081120 Negotiated Rates—Wells Fargo Commodities, LLC R-7810-19 to be effective 10/1/2020.

Filed Date: 8/11/20.

Accession Number: 20200811-5027.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

Docket Numbers: RP20-1091-000.

Applicants: Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2020-08-11 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 8/11/2020.

Filed Date: 8/11/20.

Accession Number: 20200811-5093.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

Docket Numbers: RP20-1092-000.

Applicants: Texas Gas Transmission, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing: Neg Rate Agmt (Westlake 38162) to be effective 8/1/2020.

Filed Date: 8/11/20.

Accession Number: 20200811-5094.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/24/20.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by 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 date(s). 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 12, 2020.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2607-015]

Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC; Notice of Intent To File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

a. *Type of Filing:* Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.

b. *Project No.:* 2607-015.

c. *Date Filed:* June 30, 2020.

d. *Submitted By:* Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Spencer Mountain Hydropower Project.

f. *Location:* On the South Fork of the Catawba River, in the Town of Spencer Mountain, in Gaston County, North Carolina. The project does not occupy federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's Regulations.

h. *Potential Applicant Contact:* Kevin Edwards, 916 Comer Road, Stoneville, NC 27048; (336) 589-6138; email—smhydro@pht1.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Michael Spencer at (202) 502-6093, or email at michael.spencer@ferc.gov.

j. Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process, and provided public notice of its request, on June 30, 2020. In a letter dated August 12, 2020, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.

k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the North Carolina

State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

l. With this notice, we are designating Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

m. Spencer Mountain Hydropower, LLC filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.

n. A copy of the PAD may be viewed on the Commission's website (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208 3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 2607-015. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by June 30, 2023.

p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: August 12, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP20-503-000; PF20-1-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application

Take notice that on July 31, 2020, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, NE 68124, filed an application in Docket No. CP20-503-000, pursuant to section 7 of the Natural Gas Act and Part 157 of the Commission's Regulations thereunder, requesting the issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, modify, replace and operate certain compression and pipeline facilities, with appurtenances, located in various counties in Minnesota. All relevant information is 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, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding this application should be directed to Michael T. Loeffler, Senior Director, Certificates and External Affairs for Northern, 1111 South 103rd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, or by calling (402) 398-7103.

Specifically, Northern proposes to: (1) Construct an 0.80-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter pipeline extension and an 0.63-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter pipeline loop; (2) replace an 0.08-mile-long, 8-inch-diameter branch line with an equivalent length of 12-inch-diameter pipeline; (3) construct a new 11,153 hp gas-fired turbine greenfield compressor station; (4) install an additional 1,100 hp electric-driven reciprocating compressor unit at its Pierz Compressor Station; and (5) construct various appurtenances, all located within Minnesota.

On December 6, 2019, the Commission staff granted Northern's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF20-1-000 to staff activities involving the Project. Now, as of the filing of this application on July 31, 2020, the NEPA Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket

No. CP20-503-000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 3 copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must provide a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to