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

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-507-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC; Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on August 6, 2020, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC (Sea Robin), 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT), 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, jointly filed an application in the above referenced docket pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization to abandon approximately 12.6 miles of 24-inch-diameter lateral pipeline extending from offshore Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, at the Vermilion Area Block 22 subsea tie-in to a point of connection with Transco's Central Louisiana Gathering System onshore in the Pecan Island area, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, and related metering facilities, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the

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Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Nick Baumann, Regulatory Analyst, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, (281) 714-7056; Deborah A. Bradbury, Sr. Director, Regulatory Tariffs & Reporting, Sea Robin Pipeline Company, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 989-7571; or Blair Lichtenwalter, Senior Director, Certificates, Florida Gas Transmission Company, 1300 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 989-2605.

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 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 five copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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 the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

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 commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

As of the February 27, 2018 date of the Commission's order in Docket No. CP16-4-001, the Commission will apply its revised practice concerning out-of-time motions to intervene in any new NGA section 3 or section 7 proceeding.<sup>1</sup> Persons desiring to become a party to a certificate proceeding are to intervene in a timely manner. If seeking to intervene out-of-time, the movant is required to "show good cause why the time limitation should be waived," and should provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d)(1) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.<sup>2</sup>

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>.

<sup>1</sup> *Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.*, 162 FERC ¶ 61,167 at ¶ 50 (2018).

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(d)(1).

In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 7, 2020.

Dated: August 17, 2020.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects and Colorado River Storage Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-190

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice of rate order concerning firm power rate, transmission and ancillary services formula rates, and sale of surplus products formula rate.

**SUMMARY:** The fixed rate for the Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects (SLCA/IP) firm power rate, the formula rates for the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) transmission and ancillary services, and the new formula rate for CRSP sales of surplus products (collectively, Provisional Rates) have been confirmed, approved, and placed into effect on an interim basis. These Provisional Rates replace the existing firm power, transmission, and ancillary services rates under Rate Order No. WAPA-169 that expire on September 30, 2020.

**DATES:** The Provisional Rates under Rate Schedules SLIP-F11, SP-NW5, SP-PTP9, SP-NFT8, SP-UU2, SP-EI5, SP-SSR5, and SP-SS1 are effective on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2020, and will remain in effect through September 30, 2025, pending confirmation and approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) on a final basis or until superseded.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tim Vigil, CRSP Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 299 South Main Street,

Suite 200, Salt Lake City, UT 84111, telephone: (970) 252-3005, or email: [tvigil@wapa.gov](mailto:tvigil@wapa.gov); or Mr. Thomas Hackett, Rates Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, telephone: (801) 524-5503, or email: [hackett@wapa.gov](mailto:hackett@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 29, 2016, FERC confirmed and approved, under Rate Order No. WAPA-169,<sup>1</sup> on a final basis effective through September 30, 2020, the following Rate Schedules: SLIP-F10 for SLCA/IP Firm Power, SP-NW4 for Network Integration Transmission Service, SP-PTP8 for Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service, SP-NFT7 for Non-Firm Point-To-Point Transmission Service, SP-UU1 for Unreserved Use Penalties, SP-SD4 for Scheduling, System Control, and Dispatch Service, SP-RS4 for Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation and Other Sources Service, SP-EI4 for Energy Imbalance Service, SP-FR4 for Regulation and Frequency Response Service, and SP-SSR4 for Operating Reserves—Spinning and Supplemental Reserve Services. On March 9, 2017, FERC confirmed and approved, under Rate Order No. WAPA-174,<sup>2</sup> on a final basis effective through September 30, 2021, the following Rate Schedules: L-AS1 for Scheduling, System Control, and Dispatch Service, L-AS2 for Reactive Supply and Voltage Control from Generation or Other Sources Service, and L-AS3 for Regulation and Frequency Response Service; which superseded Rate Schedules SP-SD4, SP-RS4, and SP-FR4, respectively.

On January 21, 2020, WAPA published a **Federal Register** notice (Proposal FRN)<sup>3</sup> proposing new 5-year rates for firm power, transmission, and ancillary services, and a new rate for the sale of surplus products. The Proposal FRN also initiated a public consultation and comment period and set forth the date and location of the public information and the public comment forums. The new firm power rate is a fixed rate. The transmission and ancillary service rates continue to use formula-based rate methodologies that include an annual update to the data in the rate formulas. The new sale of surplus products rate is also formula-based. The charges under the applicable

formula rate schedules will be updated annually on the first of October.

On June 26, 2020, WAPA published a **Federal Register** notice, “Re-Opening of Comment Period for Proposed Salt Lake City Area Integrated Projects Firm Power Rate and Colorado River Storage Project Transmission and Ancillary Services Rates—Rate Order No. WAPA-190” (Re-opening of comment period FRN),<sup>4</sup> to extend the public comment period from June 26, 2020, through July 10, 2020. This extension provided interested parties additional time to review and provide comments related to information about the rate proposals made available by WAPA during and after the original comment period.

### Legal Authority

By Delegation Order No. 00-037.00B, effective November 19, 2016, the Secretary of Energy delegated: (1) The authority to develop power and transmission rates to the Western Area Power Administration’s (WAPA) Administrator; (2) the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Deputy Secretary of Energy; and (3) the authority to confirm, approve on a final basis, remand, or disapprove such rates to FERC. By Delegation Order No. 00-002.00S, effective January 15, 2020, the Secretary of Energy also delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Under Secretary of Energy. By Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10E, effective February 14, 2020, the Under Secretary of Energy further delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity. By Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10-05, effective July 8, 2020, the Assistant Secretary for Electricity further delegated the authority to confirm, approve, and place such rates into effect on an interim basis to WAPA’s Administrator. This rate action is issued under the Redelegation Order No. 00-002.10-05 and Department of Energy procedures for public participation in rate adjustments set forth at 10 CFR part 903.<sup>5</sup>

Following DOE’s review of WAPA’s proposal, I hereby confirm, approve, and place Rate Order No. WAPA-190, which provides the rates for firm power, transmission, ancillary services, and sale of surplus products into effect on an interim basis. WAPA will submit Rate Order No. WAPA-190 to FERC for

<sup>1</sup> Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF15-10-000, 155 FERC ¶ 61,042 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> Order Confirming and Approving Rate Schedules on a Final Basis, FERC Docket No. EF16-5-000, 158 FERC ¶ 62,181 (2017).

<sup>3</sup> 85 FR 3367 (January 21, 2020)

<sup>4</sup> 85 FR 38369 (June 26, 2020).

<sup>5</sup> 50 FR 37835 (September 18, 1985) and 84 FR 5347 (February 21, 2019).