

p. *Procedural Schedule*: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro

Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Notice of Acceptance .....	January 2021.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments .....	May 2021.
Comments on Scoping Document 1 Due .....	July 2021.
Issue Scoping Document 2 .....	August 2021.
Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	August 2021.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: December 9, 2020.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. AC21-21-000]

**Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Petition for Waiver**

Take notice that on December 8, 2020, Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Petitioner), filed a petition for waiver of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) requirement to provide its certified public accountant (CPA) certification statement for the 2020 FERC Form No. 2 on the basis of the calendar year ending December 31. Empire seeks this waiver because it utilizes a September 30 fiscal year end, as more fully explained in the petition.

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, 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. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene, or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

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*Comments:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 8, 2021.

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*Secretary.*

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[Docket No. CP21-1-000]

**Golden Pass Pipeline LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Compression Relocation and Modification Project**

On October 2, 2020, Golden Pass Pipeline LLC (Golden Pass) filed an amendment application in Docket No. CP21-1-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to modify certain pipeline facilities in Louisiana transporting natural gas to the Golden Pass LNG Terminal. The proposed project amendment is known as the Compression Relocation and Modification Project, and would enable Golden Pass to relocate and modify certain facilities approved in the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission or FERC) *Order Granting Authorizations under Section 3 and Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act* issued on December 21, 2016 in Docket Nos. CP14-517-000 and CP14-518-000.

On October 19, 2020, the Commission 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 document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff’s intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the project amendment and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

**Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA February 26, 2021  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline May 27, 2021

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the project amendment’s progress.

**Project Description**

Specifically, Golden Pass seeks to modify previously authorized facilities, including:

- Relocate the approved compressor station at Milepost 66 approximately 3 miles, to MilePost 69, and increase the amount of compression at the relocated facility;

<sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).