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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-479-000]

Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed 2021 Auburn A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the 2021 Auburn A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project, proposed by Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern), in the above-referenced docket. Northern requests authorization to construct, own, and operate a pipeline loop¹ and appurtenant aboveground facilities, and abandon-in-place a segment of its A-line pipeline in Nebraska. Northern's purpose for the project is to improve reliability, enable safer long-term operation of Northern's system, and serve the needs of its shippers more effectively by eliminating inefficiencies associated with the operation and maintenance of the A-line segment.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction, operation, and abandonment activities associated with the 2021 Auburn A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with

appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed 2021 Auburn A-Line Abandonment and Capacity Replacement Project includes the following:

- Construction of approximately 4.4 miles of new 8-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Lancaster and Otoe Counties, Nebraska (proposed B-line);
- installation of a pig² launcher and valve station in Lancaster County, Nebraska;
- installation of a regulation station in Otoe County, Nebraska; and
- abandonment in-place of approximately 31.7 miles of 4- and 6-inch-diameter A-line in Lancaster, Otoe, Johnson, and Nemaha counties, Nebraska.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select General Search and enter the docket number in the Docket Number field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP20-479). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

The EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA's disclosure and discussion of potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful

they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 11, 2021.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file 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. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. 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 must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP20-479) on your letter. 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.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission's decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time

¹ A loop is a pipeline that is constructed adjacent to another pipeline for the purpose of increasing capacity in this portion of the system.

² A pig is a tool that is inserted into and pushed through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/ferc-online/how-guides>.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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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: RP21-302-000.

Applicants: Northern Border Pipeline Company.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; NBPL Sequent NRA to be effective 11/1/2020.

Filed Date: 12/7/20.

Accession Number: 20201207-5111.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/20.

Docket Numbers: RP21-304-000.

Applicants: Transwestern Pipeline Company, LLC.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; Revise Contracting Procedures to be effective 1/9/2021.

Filed Date: 12/9/20.

Accession Number: 20201209-5026.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/21/20.

Docket Numbers: RP21-305-000.

Applicants: Bear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C.

Description: Compliance filing Annual Fuel Summary 2020 to be effective N/A.

Filed Date: 12/10/20.

Accession Number: 20201210-5015.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/22/20.

Docket Numbers: RP21-306-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas

Transmission System, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; 121020 Negotiated Rates—Mercuria Energy America, LLC R-7540-02 to be effective 1/1/2021.

Filed Date: 12/10/20.

Accession Number: 20201210-5040.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/22/20.

Docket Numbers: RP21-307-000.

Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.

Description: § 4(d) Rate Filing; Standards of Conduct Update to be effective 1/10/2021.

Filed Date: 12/10/20.

Accession Number: 20201210-5114.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 12/22/20.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.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 comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 4428-011]

Walden Hydro, LLC; Notice Soliciting Scoping Comments

Take notice that the following hydroelectric application has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* New Major License.

b. *Project No.:* P-4428-011.

c. *Date filed:* May 29, 2020.

d. *Applicant:* Walden Hydro, LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Walden Hydroelectric Project.

f. *Location:* On the Wallkill River, in the Village of Walden, Orange County, New York. The project does not occupy any federal land.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Federal Power Act 16 U.S.C. 791(a)-825(r).

h. *Applicant Contact:* Ms. Elise Anderson, Senior Environmental Permitting Specialist, Walden Hydro, LLC, Enel Green Power North America, Inc., 100 Brickstone Square, Suite 300, Andover, MA 01810; Phone at (978) 447-4408 or email at Elise.Anderson@enel.com.

i. *FERC Contact:* Samantha Pollak at (202) 502-6419, or samantha.pollak@ferc.gov.

j. *Deadline for filing scoping comments:* January 11, 2021.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file scoping comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FERCONline.aspx>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/QuickComment.aspx>. 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, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). 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, 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. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-4428-011.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project. Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. This application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

l. The Walden Project consists of: (1) A 417-foot-long (consisting of 165-foot-long east-west and 252-foot-long north-south portions), V-shaped concrete dam topped with 2-foot-high flashboards; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of 69 acres at the normal pool elevation of