

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.*: 1905-0174;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Petroleum Marketing Program;
- (3) *Type of Request*: Three year extension with changes;
- (4) *Purpose*: The surveys included in the Petroleum Marketing Program collect volume and price information needed for determining the supply of and demand for crude oil and refined petroleum products. These surveys provide a basic set of data pertaining to the structure, efficiency, and behavior of petroleum markets. These data are published by EIA on its website, at <http://www.eia.gov>. The Petroleum Marketing Program consists of the following surveys:

Form EIA-14 *Refiners' Monthly Cost Report*;

Form EIA-182 *Domestic Crude Oil First Purchase Report*;

Form EIA-782A *Refiners'/Gas Plant Operators' Monthly Petroleum Product Sales Report*;

Form EIA-782C *Monthly Report of Prime Supplier Sales of Petroleum Products Sold For Local Consumption*;

Form EIA-821 *Annual Fuel Oil and Kerosene Sales Report*;

Form EIA-856 *Monthly Foreign Crude Oil Acquisition Report*;

Form EIA-863 *Petroleum Product Sales Identification Survey*;

Form EIA-877 *Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey*;

Form EIA-878 *Motor Gasoline Price Survey*;

Form EIA-888 *On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey*;

(4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection*:

**Form EIA-888, On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey**

EIA is proposing to collect annual sales volumes of on-highway diesel fuel on Form EIA-888, *On-Highway Diesel Fuel Price Survey*. This survey collects weekly retail on-highway diesel fuel prices from a sample of truck stops and service stations and publishes price estimates at various regional levels and the State of California. EIA is updating its frame of retail diesel fuel outlets and proposing to redesign the sample of retail outlets using a new sample design. The new sample will replace the current sample that reports on Form EIA-888.

EIA will continue to use Form EIA-888, Schedule A to collect weekly prices from the new sample and will use the new Form EIA-888, Schedule B to collect annual sales volume information and station characteristics that will be used to determine eligibility and size. EIA will use annual sales volumes of on-highway diesel fuel to determine the measure of size used for weighting data reported by the outlets selected in the new sample and are collected one time from newly sampled outlets.

**Form EIA-878, Motor Gasoline Price Survey**

EIA proposes to modify Schedule B of Form EIA-878, *Motor Gasoline Price Survey* to further clarify the collection of gasoline octane levels and ethanol content by grade for annual gasoline sales volumes. These volumes are used to determine a measure of size used for weighting data reported by the sampled outlets and are collected one time from newly sampled outlets.

**Form EIA-877, Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey**

EIA proposes to collect residential heating oil and propane prices on a monthly basis during the off-heating season (April to September) beginning April 2023 on Form EIA-877, *Winter Heating Fuels Telephone Survey*. This survey collects weekly residential heating oil and propane prices during the heating season, October to March, from a sample of retail outlets that sell these heating fuels. EIA receives many requests for EIA-877 summer prices each year because many heating oil and propane customers fill their tanks before the winter heating season starts, when prices are generally lower than during the winter months. Collecting monthly prices during the summer will meet the needs of these customers, as well as provide a data series for more comprehensive EIA analysis on these markets.

(5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 22,516;

(6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 196,032;

(7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 63,226;

(8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$5,162,403 (63,226 annual burden hours multiplied by \$81.65 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information during the normal course of business. Comments are invited on whether or

not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper

performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**Statutory Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 22, 2021.

**Samson A. Adeshiyan,**

*Director, Office of Statistical Methods and Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP17-101-000]

**Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time**

Take notice that on March 19, 2021, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time until May 3, 2023 to complete construction of, and place into service, its Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project located in Pennsylvania, onshore and offshore New Jersey, and offshore New York as authorized in the Order Issuing Certificate (Order) on May 3, 2019.<sup>1</sup> Ordering Paragraph (B)(1) of the Order required Transco to complete the construction of the NESE Project facilities and make them available for service within two years of the date of the Order, or by May 3, 2021.

On May 15, 2020, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) denied Transco's application for a water quality certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. Simultaneously, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection denied Transco's application for a water quality certification and other individual permits. As part of its denial, NYSDEC

<sup>1</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC*, 167 FERC ¶ 61,110 (2019).

cites lack of demand for the NESE Project. Transco asserts that the market disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is temporary and a need for additional firm transportation remains. Transco states that its binding precedent agreement with National Grid remains in full force and effect and Transco remains fully committed to constructing the NESE Project. Transco avers the COVID-19 pandemic is also having a direct and adverse impact on state and local areas resources and Transco's development of the NESE Project. Moreover, Transco states that it plans to refile its section 401 applications later this year. Transco avers that postponement of the in-service date for the NESE Project has no impact on the public interest findings in the Order and the environmental record is current and relevant. Accordingly, Transco now requests an additional two years, or until May 3, 2023, to complete the construction of the NESE Project and make it available for service.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Transco's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file 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 Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>2</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>3</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>5</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the Order, including whether the Commission properly

found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act.<sup>6</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>7</sup> The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on those extension requests that are uncontested.

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 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 COVID-19, issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. To mail via USPS, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. To mail via any other courier, use the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 6, 2021.

Dated: March 22, 2021.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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<sup>6</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>7</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2615-054]

#### Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, and Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC; Notice of Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Protests

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

a. *Type of Application:* Temporary variance of reservoir elevation and minimum flow requirements.

b. *Project No.:* 2615-054.

c. *Date Filed:* February 26, 2021.

d. *Applicant:* Brookfield White Pine Hydro, LLC, Merimil Limited Partnership, and Eagle Creek Kennebec Hydro, LLC.

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

f. *Location:* The project is located on the Moose River in Somerset County, Maine.

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

h. *Applicant Contact:* Mr. Jason Seyfried, Brookfield Renewable, 150 Main Street, Lewiston, ME 04240; telephone (207) 312-8323 and email [Jason.Seyfried@brookfieldrenewable.com](mailto:Jason.Seyfried@brookfieldrenewable.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* Linda Stewart, (202) 502-8184, [linda.stewart@ferc.gov](mailto:linda.stewart@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, and protests is 30 days from the issuance date of this notice by the Commission.*

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments, motions to intervene, and protests 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, 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

<sup>2</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

<sup>3</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* P. 40.