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).4

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.5 For those extension requests that are contested, the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.6 The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.7 The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate 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.8 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.9 The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on all of 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://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 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 at 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 “eFiling” link at http://www.ferc.gov. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and three copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 22, 2021.

Dated: July 7, 2021.

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP20–484–000; CP20–485–000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Great Lakes Transmission Limited Partnership; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Alberta Xpress and Lease Capacity Abandonment Projects and Schedule for Environmental Review

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Alberta Xpress and Lease Capacity Abandonment Projects (Projects), proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) and Great Lakes Transmission Limited Partnership (Great Lakes) in Evangeline Parish, Louisiana. The EIS will tier off Commission staff’s Environmental Assessment (EA) and its findings and conclusions for the Project issued on December 4, 2020, and respond to comments filed on the EA.1 The EIS will assist the Commission in its consideration of the Project’s contribution to climate change and its decision-making process to determine whether ANR and Great Lakes proposed Projects are in the public convenience and necessity. The schedule for preparation of the EIS is discussed in the “Schedule for Environmental Review” section of this notice.

The National Environmental Policy Act Process

The production of the EIS is part of the Commission’s overall National Environmental Policy Act review process. Commission staff will independently analyze the proposed Project and prepare a draft EIS, which will be issued for public comment. Commission staff will consider all timely comments received during the comment period on the draft EIS and revise the document, as necessary, before issuing a final EIS. Any draft and final EIS will be available in electronic format in the public record through eLibrary2 and the Commission’s natural gas environmental documents web page (https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents).

Schedule for Environmental Review

This notice identifies the Commission staff’s planned schedule for completion of a final EIS for the Project, which is based on an issuance of the draft EIS in July 2020.

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS—October 29, 2021

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—January 27, 2022

If a schedule change becomes necessary for the final EIS, an additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project’s progress.

Environmental Mailing List

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for the Project which includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; Native American Tribes; elected officials; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission’s regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantees, whose property may be used temporarily for Project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the Project and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the

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4 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).
5 Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).
6 Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).
7 Id. at P 40.
8 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.
9 Id.
10 The EA for the Project is filed in Docket Nos. CP20–484–000 and CP20–485–000 under Accession No. 20201204–3004.
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL21–89–000; QF21–629–000]

Hecate Energy Blair Road LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on July 6, 2021, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Hecate Energy Blair Road LLC (Blair or Petitioner), filed a petition for declaratory order (Petition) requesting that the Commission issue a declaratory order set forth in Section 292.203(a)(3) of the Commission’s regulations (QF Filing Requirement) for the time-period beginning when its qualifying small power production facility was placed into operation on December 29, 2017, and ending on March 30, 2021, and when Blair filed a QF self-certification with respect to such facility (Gap Period), 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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