

information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS 2023) Field Test Data Collection and Main Study Sampling, Recruitment, and Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–0695.

*Type of Review:* A revision of a currently approved collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals and households.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 50,996.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 20,336.

*Abstract:* The Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education (ED), is an international assessment of fourth and eighth grade students' achievement in mathematics and science. Since its inception in 1995, TIMSS has continued to assess students every 4 years (1995, 1999, 2003, 2007, 2011, 2015, and 2019), with the next TIMSS assessment, TIMSS 2023, being the eighth iteration of the study. In TIMSS 2023, approximately 65 countries or education systems will participate. The United States will participate in TIMSS 2023 to continue to monitor the progress of its students compared to that of other nations and to provide data on factors that may influence student achievement.

TIMSS is led by the International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement (IEA), an international collective of research organizations and government agencies that create the frameworks used to develop the assessment, the survey instruments, and the study timeline. IEA decides and agrees upon a common set of standards, procedures, and timelines for collecting and reporting data, all of which must be followed by all participating countries. As a result, TIMSS is able to provide a reliable and comparable measure of student skills in participating countries. In the U.S., NCES conducts this study in collaboration with the IEA and a number of contractors to ensure proper implementation of the study and adoption of practices in adherence to the IEA's standards. Participation in TIMSS is consistent with NCES's mandate of acquiring and disseminating data on educational activities and

student achievement in the United States compared with foreign nations [The Educational Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002, 20 U.S.C. 9543)].

A previous request to conduct sampling and recruitment activities associated with the TIMSS 2023 field test, which will be conducted in March and April 2022, was approved by OMB in May 2021 (OMB #1850–0695 v.16). Because TIMSS is a collaborative effort among many parties, the United States must adhere to the international schedule set forth by the IEA, including the availability of final field test and main study plans as well as draft and final questionnaires. In order to meet the international data collection schedule, to align with recruitment for other NCES studies (e.g., the National Assessment of Education Progress, NAEP), and for schools to put the TIMSS 2023 field test assessment on their Spring 2022 calendars, recruitment activities for the field test will begin in June of 2021. This package requests approval for the field test data collection materials and the main study sampling, recruiting, and data collection plans. Recruitment activities for the main study will begin in January 2022, with the data collection activities currently scheduled to begin in March 2023.

Dated: September 2, 2021.

**Stephanie Valentine,**

*PRA Coordinator, Strategic Collections and Clearance Governance and Strategy Division, Office of Chief Data Officer, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board Chairs

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of open virtual meeting

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an online virtual meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB) Chairs. The Federal Advisory Committee Act requires that public notice of this online virtual meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Wednesday, October 6, 2021; 12:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. EDT, and Thursday, October 7, 2021; 12:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT

**ADDRESSES:** Online Virtual Meeting. To attend, please contact Alyssa Harris by email, [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov), no

later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Monday, October 4, 2021.

*To Submit Public Comment:* Public comments will be accepted via email prior to and after the meeting. Comments received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 will be read aloud during the virtual meeting. Comments will also be accepted after the meeting by no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 to be included in the official meeting record. Please send comments to Alyssa Harris at [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Alyssa Harris, EM SSAB Federal Coordinator. U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Email: [Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov](mailto:Alyssa.Harris@em.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE–EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

### Tentative Agenda Topics

*Wednesday, October 6, 2021*

- Update from Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
- Chairs Round Robin
- Public Comment
- EM–4 Update
- Membership Recruitment and Package Education
- Board Business/Open Discussion

*Thursday, October 7, 2021*

- FY 2022 Budget Update
- Office of Technology Development Overview
- Public Comment
- Charge #1 Discussion and Path Forward
- Charge #2 Discussion and Path Forward
- Board Business/Open Discussion

*Public Participation:* The online virtual meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting by sending them to Alyssa Harris at the aforementioned email address. The Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the conference call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments should email them as directed above.

*Minutes:* Minutes will be available by writing Alyssa Harris at the email address listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following website: <https://energy.gov/em/listings/chairs-meetings>.

Signed in Washington, DC, on September 2, 2021.

**LaTanya Butler,**

*Deputy Committee Management Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-443-000]

#### National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on July 22, 2021, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until December 31, 2024, to complete the Wharton WH23 Storage Well Abandonment Project (Project), as authorized after the 60-day deadline of National Fuel's prior notice issued by the Commission on May 25, 2017. By that process, National Fuel was initially required to abandon the facilities in one year, by July 24, 2018.

On July 27, 2018, the Office of Energy Projects, by delegated order, extended the deadline through July 24, 2019. On July 12, 2019, the Office of Energy Projects, by delegated order, extended the deadline through July 24, 2020. The Commission granted this extension request on October 21, 2020.<sup>1</sup> National Fuel now requests an extension of this deadline, through December 31, 2024. National Fuel states that it needs to re-plug Well WH23 and monitor the well to ensure that well has been plugged successfully.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on National Fuel'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>

<sup>1</sup> See National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, Request for Extension of Time, filed July 20, 2020 and Commission October 21, 2020 unpublished letter to National Fuel order granting National Fuel's request.

<sup>2</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be

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 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.<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 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](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

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) (2019).

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

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

<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).

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, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on September 17, 2021.

Dated: September 2, 2021.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-48-000]

#### Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.; Notice of Revised Schedule for Environmental Review of the Enhancement by Compression Project

This notice identifies the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission staff's revised schedule for the completion of the environmental impact statement (EIS) for Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.'s (Iroquois) Enhancement by Compression Project. The *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Enhancement by Compression Project and Schedule for Environmental Review*, issued on May 27, 2021, identified September 3, 2021 as the final EIS issuance date. However, we are modifying this issuance date because of the number and complexity of comments received on the draft EIS. Further, staff will require additional information from Iroquois to respond to several of these comments in the final EIS, and is currently preparing a data request to obtain that information.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of the final EIS—November 12, 2021  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline—February 9, 2022

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

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EIS and to keep track of