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Signed in Washington, DC, on June 1, 2023.

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*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-131-000]

#### **East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the System Alignment Program Project**

On March 31, 2023, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee) filed an application in Docket No. CP23-131-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to replace, construct, and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. The proposed project is known as the System Alignment Program Project (Project). East Tennessee states that the Project would improve the operational reliability of East Tennessee's system by minimizing the amount of displacement in the system design to meet customers' shifting needs.

On April 14, 2023, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) 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 and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

#### **Schedule for Environmental Review**

Issuance of EA November 17, 2023

90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline<sup>2</sup> February 15, 2024

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

#### **Project Description**

East Tennessee would construct approximately 16.1 miles of 24-inch-diameter pipeline loop (Boys Creek Loop) adjacent to its existing 16-inch-diameter pipeline in Knox and Sevier Counties, Tennessee; a new 6,000-horsepower compressor station (the Talbot Compressor Station) in Jefferson County, Tennessee; a new 19,000-horsepower compressor station in Rockingham County, North Carolina (the Draper Compressor Station); and ancillary facilities in Knox County and Sevier Counties, Tennessee and Washington and Wythe Counties, Virginia. East Tennessee would also replace approximately 6.4 miles of 8-inch-diameter pipeline with new 24-inch-diameter pipeline within its existing right-of-way in Washington County, Virginia and complete a hydrotest of an approximately 1.2 mile-segment of existing pipeline in Patrick County, Virginia.

#### **Background**

On October 19, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Planned System Alignment Program Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was issued during the pre-filing review of the Project in Docket No. PF22-8-000 and was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Division of Air Pollution Control, Commonwealth of Virginia Department

of Conservation and Recreation, Environmental Protection Agency, Appalachian Voices, Teamsters National Pipeline Labor, Quapaw Nation, North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation; Division of Water Resources, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and fifteen landowners. The primary issues raised by the commenters are impacts on cultural and natural resources; incomplete tribal consultations, worker trainings, and permitting; potential groundwater contamination; potential air and noise pollution; and impacts on landowner property. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA. No cooperating agencies are involved in the preparation of this EA.

#### **Additional Information**

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP23-131), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

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

Dated: May 30, 2023.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER23–1983–000]

#### MFT Energy US Power LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of MFT Energy US Power LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is June 20, 2023.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

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.

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**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 the 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 the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Dated: May 31, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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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 & Oil Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

#### Filings Instituting Proceedings

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–797–000.  
*Applicants:* Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate—Seminole Electric K850037 to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5029.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–798–000.

*Applicants:* Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Periodic Rate Adjustment—Fuel and L&U Retention Percentages July 2023 to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5047.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–799–000.

*Applicants:* Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 5–31–23 Fuel Tracker to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5053.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–800–000.

*Applicants:* Viking Gas Transmission Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Interim Fuel and Losses Retention Adjustment to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5063.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–801–000.

*Applicants:* El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agmt Update (Conoco—June 23) to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5107.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–802–000.

*Applicants:* El Paso Natural Gas Company, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement Update (Hartree June 2023) to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5128.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–803–000.

*Applicants:* Northern Natural Gas Company.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: 20230531 Negotiated Rate to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5139.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–804–000.

*Applicants:* Rockies Express Pipeline LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: REX 2023–05–31 Negotiated Rate Agreements to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5162.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–805–000.

*Applicants:* Ruby Pipeline, L.L.C.  
*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: RP 2023–05–31 Negotiated Rate Agreement to be effective 7/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5167.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

*Docket Numbers:* RP23–806–000.

*Applicants:* Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Vol. 2—Negotiated Rate Agreement—Tenaska FTS–P to be effective 6/1/2023.

*Filed Date:* 5/31/23.

*Accession Number:* 20230531–5216.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 6/12/23.

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