

the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. A copy of all other filings in reference to this application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed on the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

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o. *The applicant must file no later than 60 days following the date of issuance of this notice:* (1) a copy of the water quality certification; (2) a copy of the request for certification, including proof of the date on which the certifying agency received the request; or (3) evidence of waiver of water quality certification. Please note that the certification request must comply with 40 CFR 121.5(b), including documentation that a pre-filing meeting request was submitted to the certifying authority at least 30 days prior to submitting the certification request. Please also note that the certification request must be sent to the certifying authority and to the Commission concurrently.

p. *Procedural Schedule:* The application will be processed according to the following schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Filing of Comments, Recommendations, Terms and Conditions, and Fishway Prescriptions.	January 2024.
Filing of Reply Comments	February 2024.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of this notice.

r. 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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-544-000]

Northern Border Pipeline Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Bison Xpress Project

On September 15, 2023, Northern Border Pipeline Company (Northern Border) filed an application in Docket No. CP23-544-000 requesting authorization and a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act and part 157 of the Commission's regulations to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities located in McKenzie, Dunn, and Morton Counties, North Dakota. The proposed project is known as the Bison Xpress Project (Project) and would create 300,000 dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of incremental mainline capacity to Northern Border's interconnection with Bison Pipeline, LLC. Northern Border would abandon the capacity by lease to Wyoming Interstate Company, LLC.

On October 2, 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.¹

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA April 8, 2024
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline² July 7, 2024

¹ 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

² 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

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

Northern Border's proposed Bison Xpress Project consists of the replacement and expansion of compression facilities at Northern Border's existing compressor stations including Arnegard (No. 4) in McKenzie County, North Dakota; Manning (No. 5) in Dunn County, North Dakota; and Glen Ullin (No. 6) in Morton County, North Dakota. Upon completion, the Bison Xpress Project would (a) replace and expand existing compressor facilities with new, more modern and efficient compression facilities; (b) create 300,000 Dth/d of incremental mainline natural gas capacity from receipt points between Northern Border's Culbertson Compressor Station and Glen Ullin Compressor Station to its interconnection with Bison Pipeline, LLC in Morton County, North Dakota (Kurtz Delivery Point); and (c) introduce standby horsepower on Northern Border's system. Northern Border plans to abandon 100 percent of the capacity by lease to Wyoming Interstate Company, LLC. Applications by Bison Pipeline, LLC (Docket No. CP23-543-000) and Wyoming Interstate Company, LLC and Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC (Docket No. CP23-545-000) are associated projects being evaluated under the applicable Commission regulations.

Background

On October 30, 2023, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Bison Express Project* (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping 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. The Commission has currently received 23 comments from environmental organizations, two Dunn County representatives, two North Dakota State Senators, the North Dakota Petroleum Council, the North Dakota Chamber of Commerce, North Dakota Board of Commissioners for Mackenzie, Morton, and Dunn Counties, North Dakota Industrial Commission, the Western Dakota Energy Association, community

other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

organizations, local business owners, a healthcare center, the Northern Border Shipper Group (collectively, Tenaska Marketing Ventures and Twin Eagle Resource Management, LLC), the Indicated Shippers (collectively, bp Energy Company, ConocoPhillips Company, and Shell Energy North America, L.P), the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP). The majority of comments (20) were in support of the Project. The primary issues filed by the Indicated Shippers, the Northern Border Shipper Group, and CAPP raised concerns with the treatment of the rates, costs, and proposed capacity leases associated with the Project and the related applications filed by Bison Pipeline, LLC (Docket No. CP23-543-000) and Wyoming Interstate Company, LLC and Fort Union Gas Gathering, LLC (Docket No. CP23-545-000). All substantive environmental comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

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.

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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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP23-544), 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. 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.

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Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-15-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on November 6, 2023, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia), 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Columbia's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-76-000, for authorization to modify the existing Line D322 pipeline at various locations, including the installation of two bi-directional launching and receiving stations for in-line inspection (ILI) devices, and other appurtenant facilities. All of the above facilities are located in Morrow, Marion, Hardin, and Allen Counties, Ohio (Line D322 East ILI Project). The project will allow Columbia to enable the bi-directional in-line inspection, or pigging, of its 16-inch-diameter Line D322. The estimated cost for the project is \$16.4 million, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

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 (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. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager, Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, at (832) 320-5477 or david_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 16, 2024. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

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Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,¹ any person² or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,³ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is January 16, 2024. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the

¹ 18 CFR 157.205.

² Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

³ 18 CFR 157.205(e).