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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Acting 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 Pipeline Rate and Refund Report filings:

Filings Instituting Proceedings

Docket Numbers: RP24-534-000.
Applicants: UGI Sunbury, LLC.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Annual Retainage Adjustment 2024 w/Waivers to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/19/24.
Accession Number: 20240319-5131.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-535-000.
Applicants: Northwest Pipeline LLC.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Non Conforming Service Agreement—Spotlight to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/19/24.
Accession Number: 20240319-5171.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-536-000.
Applicants: Equitrans, L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rate Agreement—4/1/2024 to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5016.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-537-000.
Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 3.20.24 Negotiated Rates—Emera Energy Services, Inc. R-2715-86 to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5041.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-538-000.
Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 3.20.24 Negotiated Rates—Emera Energy Services, Inc. R-2715-87 to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5046.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-539-000.

Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 3.20.24 Negotiated Rates—Koch Energy Services, LLC R-7755-05 to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5049.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-540-000.
Applicants: Iroquois Gas Transmission System, L.P.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: 3.20.24 Negotiated Rates—Koch Energy Services, LLC R-7755-06 to be effective 4/1/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5052.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-541-000.
Applicants: Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC, Bobcat Gas Storage, East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC, Egan Hub Storage, LLC, Garden Banks Gas Pipeline, LLC, Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C., Mississippi Canyon Gas Pipeline, L.L.C., Moss Bluff Hub, LLC, Nautilus Pipeline Company, L.L.C., NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC, Sabal Trail Transmission, LLC, Saltville Gas Storage Company L.L.C., Southeast Supply Header, LLC, Steckman Ridge, LP, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP, Tres Palacios Gas Storage LLC, Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: Compliance filing: Big Sandy Pipeline, LLC submits tariff filing per 154.203: Enbridge (U.S.) Pipelines—LINK System Maintenance—Request for Waivers 2024 to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5058.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-542-000.
Applicants: Bear Creek Storage Company, L.L.C.
Description: Compliance filing: Annual Report on Operational Transactions 2024 to be effective N/A.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5087.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-543-000.
Applicants: Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Yankee Gas to Emera Energy eff 3-20-24 to be effective 3/20/2024.
Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5100.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.
Docket Numbers: RP24-544-000.
Applicants: Portland Natural Gas Transmission System.
Description: 4(d) Rate Filing: Northern Utlites Neg Rate Agreement #284292 to be effective 4/1/2024.

Filed Date: 3/20/24.
Accession Number: 20240320-5103.
Comment Date: 5 p.m. ET 4/1/24.

Any person desiring to intervene, to protest, or to answer a complaint in any of the above proceedings must file in accordance with Rules 211, 214, or 206 of the Commission's Regulations (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214, or 385.206) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests may be considered, but intervention is necessary to become a party to the proceeding.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercgensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

eFiling is encouraged. More detailed information relating to filing requirements, interventions, protests, service, and qualifying facilities filings can be found at: <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/filing-req.pdf>. For other information, call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-11849-01-OAR]

Notice of Denial of Petition for Partial Waiver of 2023 Cellulosic Biofuel Standard Under the Renewable Fuel Standard Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Denial of petition.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of its final action entitled Denial of AFPM Petition for Partial Waiver of 2023 Cellulosic Biofuel Standard ("AFPM Petition Denial Action"), in which EPA

denied a petition from the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers (AFPM) for a partial waiver of the 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. EPA is providing this notice for public awareness of, and the basis for, EPA's decision issued on March 15, 2024.

DATES: March 26, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Michaels, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Compliance Division, Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48105; telephone number: (734) 214-4640; email address: michaels.lauren@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Clean Air Act (CAA) provides that EPA, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy, may waive the volume requirements under the RFS program, in whole or in part, under specified circumstances, including when EPA finds that “there is an inadequate domestic supply” or that the RFS volume requirements “would severely harm the economy or environment of a State, a region, or the United States” (“severe economic harm”).¹ Section 211(o)(7)(A) is structured to allow any person subject to the requirements of the RFS program to petition EPA to waive, in whole or in part, the volume requirements.

On December 22, 2023, AFPM requested that EPA issue a partial waiver of the 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard under CAA section 211(o)(7)(D) and CAA section 211(o)(7)(A)(i).² On March 4, 2024, AFPM submitted an update to its original petition.³

II. Decision

Our assessment of the volume of 2023 cellulosic RINs and 2022 cellulosic carryover RINs indicates that obligated parties will be able to readily comply with the existing 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard. Moreover, obligated parties will still be able to comply by carrying a cellulosic RIN deficit into 2024, if necessary. On the other hand, a partial waiver of the 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard would be injurious to the RFS program because it would be disruptive

to program participants and could result in reduced future demand for cellulosic biofuel production. For these and all other reasons described in the AFPM Petition Denial Action, and after consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of Energy under CAA section 211(o)(7)(A), the RFS program is best served by maintaining the existing 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard and we are denying the AFPM Petition.

III. Judicial Review

Section 307(b)(1) of the CAA governs judicial review of final actions by EPA. This section provides, in part, that petitions for review must be filed only in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit: (i) when the agency action consists of “any other nationally applicable. . . final action taken by the Administrator,” or (ii) when a final action is locally or regionally applicable but “such action is based on a determination of nationwide scope or effect and if in taking such action the Administrator finds and publishes that such action is based on such a determination.” The CAA reserves to EPA the complete discretion to decide whether to invoke the exception in (ii) described in the preceding sentence.⁴

This final action is “nationally applicable” within the meaning of CAA section 307(b)(1). Whether an action is “nationally applicable” is a narrow inquiry based only on the “face” of the action.⁵ The question is whether the action itself is nationally applicable, not whether the nature and scope of the arguments raised or relief sought by a petitioner challenging the action are nationally applicable.⁶ On its face, this final action is nationally applicable because it denies a petition to waive a portion of the nationally applicable 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard promulgated in the Set Rule for all parties who qualify as obligated parties⁷ and thus are subject to the requirements of the RFS program no matter their location across the country. Parties that have registered with EPA as obligated

parties under the RFS program are located in all states except Alaska, which is not subject to the RFS program.⁸ In denying this petition, EPA applied a consistent interpretation of the relevant CAA provisions and the Agency’s “common, nationwide analytical method” for evaluating the fuels available, the fuels market data, and the RIN data to determine whether a partial waiver is necessary to enable compliance with the 2023 cellulosic biofuel standard.⁹ This final action applies equally to all obligated parties.

For these reasons, this final action is nationally applicable. Under CAA section 307(b)(1), petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit by May 28, 2024.

Joseph Goffman,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2023-0580; FRL-11359-01-OW]

Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; POTW Influent PFAS Study Data Collection

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request, “U.S. Environmental Protection Agency POTW Influent PFAS Study Data Collection” (EPA ICR No. 2799.01, OMB Control No. 2040-NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, the EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a request for approval of a new collection. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before May 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-

¹ EPA refers to the authority in CAA section 211(o)(7)(A) as the “general waiver authority.”

² AFPM, “Petition for Partial Waiver of 2023 Cellulosic Biofuel Volumetric Requirements,” December 22, 2023 (“AFPM Petition”).

³ AFPM, “AFPM’s Petition for Partial Waiver of the 2023 Cellulosic Biofuel Volumetric Requirements—Update,” March 4, 2024.

⁴ *Sierra Club v. EPA*, 47 F.4th 738, 745 (D.C. Cir. 2022) (“EPA’s decision whether to make and publish a finding of nationwide scope or effect is committed to the agency’s discretion and thus is unreviewable”); *Texas v. EPA*, 983 F.3d 826, 834–35 (5th Cir. 2020).

⁵ *Dalton Trucking, Inc. v. EPA*, 808 F.3d 875, 881 (D.C. Cir. 2015); *Hunt Refining Co. v. EPA*, 90 F.4th 1107, 1110 (11th Cir. 2024) (“*Hunt*”).

⁶ *S. Ill. Power Coop. v. EPA*, 863 F.3d 666, 670–71 (7th Cir. 2017); *ATK Launch Sys., Inc. v. EPA*, 651 F.3d 1194, 1198–1199 (10th Cir. 2011); *RMS of Ga., LLC v. EPA*, 64 F.4th 1368, 1372–1373 (11th Cir. 2023); *Hunt*, 90 F.4th at 1110–1112.

⁷ 40 CFR 80.2 (“obligated party”), 80.1406.

⁸ CAA section 211(o)(2)(A)(i); 40 CFR 80.1407(f)(3).

⁹ *S. Ill. Power*, 863 F.3d at 671; *ATK Launch Sys.*, 651 F.3d at 1197; *Hunt*, 90 F.4th at 1112; *Oklahoma v. EPA*, ---, F.4th ---, 2024 WL 799356 at *3 (10th Cir. Feb. 27, 2024).