

construction start date was delayed by approximately seven months due to an extended process to obtain a storage drilling permit from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), as was previously communicated in Columbia's biweekly status updates.¹ Columbia asserts that the delay was driven by several rounds of comments and additional review time required by PADEP. To date, the remaining work for the Project includes drilling Well 12653, installing the connecting pipeline, and the final tie-ins connecting the new pipeline lateral and the well, ensuring full integration with the storage field and readiness for service. Columbia's anticipated in-service date, based on the Project's current progress, is May 1, 2026.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Columbia'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 (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,² the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.³ The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.⁴ 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

¹ *Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC*, Construction Status Reports No. 1 through No. 15, Docket No. CP25-35-000 (March 18, 2025, through September 15, 2025).

² Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing, 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

³ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

⁴ *Id.* at P 40.

(NEPA).⁵ 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.⁶ The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, 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>). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy which must reference the Project docket number.

To file via USPS: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

To file via any other courier: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, contact the Office of Public Participation at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on February 24, 2026.

⁵ 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.

⁶ *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1.)

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RM98-1-000]

Records Governing Off-the-Record Communications; Public Notice

This constitutes notice, in accordance with 18 CFR 385.2201(b), of the receipt of prohibited and exempt off-the-record communications.

Order No. 607 (64 FR 51222, September 22, 1999) requires Commission decisional employees, who make or receive a prohibited or exempt off-the-record communication relevant to the merits of a contested proceeding, to deliver to the Secretary of the Commission, a copy of the communication, if written, or a summary of the substance of any oral communication.

Prohibited communications are included in a public, non-decisional file associated with, but not a part of, the decisional record of the proceeding. Unless the Commission determines that the prohibited communication and any responses thereto should become a part of the decisional record, the prohibited off-the-record communication will not be considered by the Commission in reaching its decision. Parties to a proceeding may seek the opportunity to respond to any facts or contentions made in a prohibited off-the-record communication and may request that the Commission place the prohibited communication and responses thereto in the decisional record. The Commission will grant such a request only when it determines that fairness so requires. Any person identified below as having made a prohibited off-the-record communication shall serve the document on all parties listed on the official service list for the applicable proceeding in accordance with Rule 2010, 18 CFR 385.2010.

Exempt off-the-record communications are included in the decisional record of the proceeding, unless the communication was with a cooperating agency as described by 40 CFR 1501.6, made under 18 CFR 385.2201(e)(1)(v).

The following is a list of off-the-record communications recently

received by the Secretary of the Commission. Each filing may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link.

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Docket Nos.	File date	Presenter or requester
Prohibited: 1. ER26-129-000	1-29-2026	FERC Staff. ¹
Exempt: 1. ER26-455-000	1-30-2026	FERC Staff. ²
2. ER26-129-000	2-02-2026	FERC Staff. ³
3. RP25-844-000	2-06-2026	FERC Staff. ⁴

¹ Email communication dated 01/28/26 comments of James Brown Esq.

² Letter communication dated 1/7/2026 from U.S. Senator J.B. Jennings.

³ Letter communication dated 1/30/2026 from U.S. Senators Steve Daines and Tim Sheehy and U.S. Representatives Troy Downing and Ryan K. Zinke.

⁴ Letter communication dated 2/06/26 from U.S. Senators Marsha Blackburn and Bill Hagerty and U.S. Representatives Diana Harshbarger, Chuck Fleischmann and Tim Burchett.

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Carlos D. Clay,
Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[RD26-1-000; RD26-2-000; RD26-3-000]

North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Industry Webinar and Planning and Operational Studies Drafting Teams Meetings

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Industry Webinar: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901 Operational Studies, WebEx

February 12, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern

Further information regarding this webinar and how to join remotely may be found at: 02-02-26 Industry Webinar: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901 Operational Studies.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901 Operational Studies Drafting Team Meeting, WebEx:

February 17, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern

Further information regarding this meeting and how to join remotely may be found at: <https://www.nerc.com/events/02-17-26-project-2025-03-order->

no.-901-operational-studies-drafting-team-meeting.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Project 2025-04 Order No. 901 Operational Studies Drafting Team Meeting, WebEx

February 19, 2026 | 2:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m. Eastern

Further information regarding this meeting and how to join remotely may be found at: [https://www.nerc.com/events/02-19-26-project-2025-03-order-no.-901-operational-studies-drafting-team-meeting.](https://www.nerc.com/events/02-19-26-project-2025-03-order-no.-901-operational-studies-drafting-team-meeting)

The discussions at the meetings, which are open to the public, may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings:

Docket No. RD26-1-000 North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Docket No. RD26-2-000 North American Electric Reliability Corporation

Docket No. RD26-3-000 North American Electric Reliability Corporation

For further information, please contact Neil Yallabandi at (202) 502-8260 or Neil.Yallabandi@ferc.gov.

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Carlos D. Clay,

Deputy Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-993-3272 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)

Filed February 2, 2026 10 a.m. EST Through February 9, 2026 10 a.m. EST

Pursuant to CEQ Guidance on 42 U.S.C. 4332.

Notice: Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA’s comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxapps.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/search>.

EIS No. 20260009, Final, FERC, CA, FEIS for Dam Retrofit and Surrender of the Anderson Dam Hydroelectric Project Exemption, Review Period Ends: 03/16/2026, Contact: Office of External Affairs, 866-208-3372.

EIS No. 20260010, Draft, NRCS, MT, Draft Watershed Plan-Environmental Impact Statement for the Milk River and St. Mary River Watersheds, Comment Period Ends: 03/30/2026, Contact: Alyssa Fellow, 406-587-6712.

EIS No. 20260011, Final Supplement, TVA, TN, Continued Operation of Cumberland Fossil Plant, Contact: Erica McLamb, 423-751-8022.

EIS No. 20260012, Final Supplement, TVA, TN, Continued Operation of the Kingston Fossil Plant, Contact: Elizabeth Smith, 865-632-3053.