

Vacancies shall be filled through a joint appointment by the EAC and NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Closed Meetings To Implement Voluntary Agreements and Related Plans of Action Under the Defense Production Act

AGENCY: Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of closed meetings.

SUMMARY: The notice announces a series of closed meetings held pursuant to the Defense Production Act to discuss the implementation of its Voluntary Agreement and potential accompanying Plans of Action with entities involved in the nuclear fuel industry.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further details.

ADDRESSES: The meetings were held virtually (Teams).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sarah McPhee-Charrez, Chief of Staff, Nuclear Fuel Cycle, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585, Telephone: (202) 587-1092. Email: sarah.mcphee@nuclear.energy.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 708 of the Defense Production Act (“DPA”) (50 U.S.C. 4558) and consistent with the regulations set out at 10 CFR part 821, the Department of Energy (“DOE”) hereby gives notice that a series of closed meetings were held to discuss the implementation of a Voluntary Agreement and any subsequent Plans of Action regarding each of the listed topics. DOE determined that these meetings were likely to disclose information treated as trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential. As a result, DOE determined that the matters discussed in these meetings fell within the scope of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), thereby necessitating their closure to the public.

Meeting 1: Reactors Meeting

February 3, 2026, February 10, 2026, February 17, 2026, and February 24, 2026.

11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 2: Recycling and Reprocessing Meeting

February 3, 2026, February 10, 2026, and February 24, 2026.

11:45 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 3: Mining and Milling Meeting
February 3, 2026, February 10, 2026, and February 17, 2026.

1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 4: Utilities Meeting
February 5, 2026, February 12, 2026, and February 26, 2026.

1:00 p.m.–2:00 p.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 5: Fabrication and Deconversion Meeting
February 19, 2026, and February 22, 2026.

2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 6: Enrichment Meeting
February 5, 2026, and February 12, 2026.

10:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m. Virtual (Teams)

Meeting 7: Conversion Meeting
February 5, 2026, February 12, 2026, and February 19, 2026.

11:00 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Virtual (Teams)

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on February 26, 2026, by Theodore J. Garrish, Assistant Secretary, Nuclear Energy, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, March 5, 2026.

Treana V. Garrett

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RD26-1-000; Docket No. RD26-2-000; Docket No. RD26-3-000]

North American Electric Reliability Corporation; Notice of Staff Attendance at North American Electric Reliability Corporation Operational Studies Drafting Teams Meetings and Standards Committee Meeting

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hereby gives notice that

members of the Commission and/or Commission staff may attend the following meetings:

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901—Operational Studies Drafting Team Meeting, WebEx: March 5, 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/03-05-26-project-2025-03-order-no.-901-operational-studies-drafting-team-meeting>.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901—Operational Studies Drafting Team Meeting, WebEx, March 10, 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/03-10-26-project-2025-03-order-no.-901-operational-drafting-team-meeting>.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Project 2025-03 Order No. 901—Operational Studies Drafting Team Meeting, WebEx, March 12, 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/03-12-26-project-2025-03-order-no.-901-operational-drafting-team-meeting>.

North American Electric Reliability Corporation: Standards Committee In-person and Webex Meeting, March 18, 2026 | 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern

Further information regarding this meeting and how to join may be found at: <https://www.nerc.com/events/3-18-26-sc-conference-call>.

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.

(Authority: 18 CFR 2.1)

Dated: March 4, 2026.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP26-74-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Viola Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental document that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Viola Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star) in Sumner County, Kansas. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the project. As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission takes into account concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 3, 2026. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the

Public Participation section of this notice.

Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on January 21, 2026, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP26-74-000 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

Southern Star provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” which addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the Natural Gas, Landowner Topics link.

Public Participation

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using eComment is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on “eRegister.” You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP26-74-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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.