

intakes and turbine pits, which are about 13-foot-high; (5) a 13-foot-high concrete foundation located below the substructure that incorporates the draft tubes; (6) four intake bays, each 22-feet wide with sliding head gates at the powerhouse wall; (7) two Francis turbines, each with an installed capacity of 350 kilowatts; (8) intake trash racks having a 1.75-inch clear bar spacing; (9) a 14-foot wide overflow spillway located about 400 feet south of the powerhouse, which consists of two adjacent concrete drop structures, each with 7-foot-long stop logs to control the lake level, with each drop structure leading to a 62.5-foot-long by 4.5-foot diameter culvert that passes under Dexter Street; (10) two turbine gates used to spill excess water through the two intake bays that do not contain turbines and generating units; (11) a 4,160-kilovolt (kV) line that extends about 30 feet from the powerhouse to a 20-foot by 30-foot substation enclosure; (12) a 50-foot-long underground 12.5-kV transmission line to connect the project substation to the local utility distribution lines; and (13) other appurtenant facilities.

The project operates in a run-of-river mode and the water surface elevation is maintained at 590.8 feet Elk Rapids dam gage datum from April 15 through November 1 and at 590.2 feet Elk Rapids dam gage datum from November 1 through April 15. The average annual generation is about 2,422 megawatt-hours.

Antrim County is not proposing any new construction or any changes in existing project operations.

m. A copy of the application is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at <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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support. A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in item h above.

You may also register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Scoping Process.* The Commission intends to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) on the project in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA will consider both site-specific and cumulative environmental impacts and

reasonable alternatives to the proposed action.

### Scoping Meetings

FERC staff will conduct one agency scoping meeting and one public meeting. The agency scoping meeting will focus on resource agency and non-governmental organization (NGO) concerns, while the public scoping meeting is primarily for public input. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend one or both of the meetings, and to assist the staff in identifying the scope of the environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EA. The times and locations of these meetings are as follows:

#### Agency Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Thursday, September 19, 2013.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m. (local time).

*Place:* Elk Rapids Governmental Center, Village Council Chamber.

*Address:* 315 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.

#### Public Scoping Meeting

*Date:* Thursday, September 19, 2013.

*Time:* 7:00 p.m. (local time).

*Place:* Elk Rapids Police Department, Old Council Chamber.

*Address:* 321 Bridge Street, Elk Rapids, Michigan 49629.

Copies of the Scoping Document (SD1) outlining the subject areas to be addressed in the EA were distributed to the parties on the Commission's mailing list. Copies of SD1 will be available at the scoping meeting or may be viewed on the web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the "eLibrary" link (see item m above).

### Environmental Site Review

The applicant and FERC staff will conduct a project Environmental Site Review beginning at 1:00 p.m. (local time) on September 19, 2013. All interested individuals, organizations, and agencies are invited to attend. All participants should meet at the south entrance to the Elk River Project powerhouse located on the west side of Dexter Street, between Dam Road and Harbor Drive, in Elk Rapids, Michigan. All participants are responsible for their own transportation to the site. Anyone with questions about the Environmental Site Review should contact Mr. Mark Stone of Antrim County at (231) 533-6265.

### Objectives

At the scoping meetings, the staff will: (1) Summarize the environmental issues tentatively identified for analysis in the EA; (2) solicit from the meeting participants all available information,

especially quantifiable data, on the resources at issue; (3) encourage statements from experts and the public on issues that should be analyzed in the EA, including viewpoints in opposition to, or in support of, the staff's preliminary views; (4) determine the resource issues to be addressed in the EA; and (5) identify those issues that require a detailed analysis, as well as those issues that do not require a detailed analysis.

### Procedures

The meetings are recorded by a stenographer and become part of the formal record of the Commission proceeding on the project.

Individuals, organizations, and agencies with environmental expertise and concerns are encouraged to attend the meetings and to assist the staff in defining and clarifying the issues to be addressed in the EA.

Dated: August 29, 2013.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 2277-023]

### Union Electric Company (dba Ameren Missouri); Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) regulations, 18 CFR part 380 (Order No. 486, 52 FR 47897), the Office of Energy Projects has reviewed the application for a new license for the Taum Sauk Pumped Storage Project (FERC Project No. 2277), located on the East Fork of the Black River in Reynolds County, Missouri, and prepared a final environmental assessment (EA).

In the final EA, Commission staff analyzes the potential environmental effects of licensing the project, and concludes that issuing a new license for the project, with appropriate environmental measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

A copy of the final EA is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site at [www.ferc.gov](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. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll-free at 1-866-208-3676, or for TTY, 202-502-8659.

You may also register online at [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp) to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

For further information, please contact Janet Hutzel by telephone at (202) 502-8675, or by email at [janet.hutzel@ferc.gov](mailto:janet.hutzel@ferc.gov).

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**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF13-15-000]

#### **Texas Eastern Transmission, LP; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Planned Ohio Pipeline Energy Network Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the Ohio Pipeline Energy Network Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Texas Eastern Transmission, LP (Texas Eastern) in Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Jefferson, and Monroe Counties, Ohio. The Commission will use this EA 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 on the Project. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. Please note that the scoping period will close on September 30, 2013.

You may submit comments in written form or verbally. Further details on how to submit written comments are in the Public Participation section of this

notice. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend either of the FERC public scoping meetings scheduled for the Project as follows:

Monday, September 16, 2013, 7:00 PM EDT,  
Edison High School, 9890 State Route 152, Richmond, OH 43944.  
Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 7:00 PM EDT,  
J.B. Martin Recreation Center, 102 Fair Avenue, St. Clairsville, OH 43650.

The public meetings are designed to provide you with more detailed information and another opportunity to offer your comments on the planned project. Texas Eastern representatives will be present one hour before each meeting to describe their proposal, present maps, and answer questions. Interested groups and individuals are encouraged to attend the meetings and to present comments on the issues they believe should be addressed in the EA. A transcript of each meeting will be made so that your comments will be accurately recorded.

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 planned 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 planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

A fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" is available for viewing on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically-asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission's proceedings.

#### **Summary of the Planned Project**

Texas Eastern plans to expand its existing Texas Eastern system by constructing 73.44 miles of new 30-inch-diameter pipeline to provide

additional natural gas transportation to markets in the Midwest, Southeast, and Gulf Coast. The planned Project would provide an additional 550,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas from Texas Eastern's proposed Kensington Receipt Meter and Regulator Station in Columbiana County, Ohio to the proposed terminus where it would tie into Texas Eastern Lines 25 and 30.

The Project would include construction and operation of the following facilities:

- Approximately 73.44 miles of new 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Jefferson, and Monroe Counties, Ohio;
- One new compressor station and one new meter & regulator station in Jefferson County, Ohio;
- Two new meter & regulator stations in Columbiana County, Ohio;
- One new regulator station in Monroe County, Ohio;
- Modifications to existing compressor stations to allow bi-directional flow on Texas Eastern's system in Scioto County, OH, Monroe County, KY, Hinds and Jefferson Counties, MS, and West Feliciana Parish, LA; and
- Other appurtenant and ancillary facilities.

The general location of the Project facilities is shown in Appendix 1.<sup>1</sup>

Texas Eastern plans to file an application with FERC in January of 2014, and to initiate construction of the Project in February 2015 and complete construction in November 2015.

#### **Land Requirements for Construction**

Construction of the planned facilities would disturb about 1,300 acres of land for the pipeline and aboveground facilities.<sup>2</sup> Following construction, Texas Eastern would maintain about 445 acres for permanent operation of the Project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses. About 46 percent, or 33.6 miles, of the proposed new pipeline would be collocated with an existing transmission line or pipeline corridors, maximizing the use of previously

<sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the link called "eLibrary" or from the Commission's Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502-8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

<sup>2</sup> Texas Eastern is still evaluating the need for temporary and permanent access roads; therefore, additional lands disturbed for these project components would be in addition to that reported within this notice.