

To date, the following areas of discussion have been identified for inclusion in the DEIS:

1. Flood damage reduction.
2. Effects to Fish and wildlife.
3. Land-use Effects (effects on agricultural land).
4. Effects to Archaeological, cultural, and historic resources.

5. Social Effects.
6. Effects to Groundwater.

Additional areas of interest may be identified through the scoping process, which will include public and agency meetings. A notice of those meetings will be provided to interested parties and to local news media.

The Corps anticipates holding a series of scoping meetings sometime in October, 2016 in the City of Minot and surrounding communities. In general, the meetings will begin with an open house and be followed by a presentation and question and answer session.

An environmental review will be conducted under the NEPA of 1969 and other applicable laws and regulations. It is anticipated that the DEIS will be available for public review in the fall of 2017.

Dated: August 11, 2016.

Terry J. Birkenstock,

Deputy Chief, Regional Planning and Environment Division North.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Electricity Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Electricity Advisory Committee's (EAC) charter has been renewed for a two-year period beginning on August 8, 2014.

The Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability on programs to modernize the Nation's electric power system.

Additionally, the renewal of the EAC has been determined to be essential to conduct Department of Energy business and to be in the public interest in

connection with the performance of duties imposed upon the Department of Energy by law and agreement. The Committee will continue to operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, adhering to the rules and regulations in implementation of that Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matt Rosenbaum, Designated Federal Officer at (202) 586-1060.

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Amy Bodette,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Oak Ridge Reservation

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Oak Ridge Reservation. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, September 14, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Olive Garden Meeting Room, 7206 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee 37919.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melyssa P. Noe, Alternate Deputy Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, P.O. Box 2001, EM-942, Oak Ridge, TN 37831. Phone (865) 241-3315; Fax (865) 241-6932; E-Mail: Melyssa.Noe@orem.doe.gov. Or visit the Web site at www.energy.gov/orssab.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE-EM and site management in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

- Welcome and Announcements
- Comments from the Deputy Designated Federal Officer (DDFO)
- Comments from the DOE, Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and Environmental Protection Agency Liaisons
- Public Comment Period

- Discussion: Vision 2020—Planning for the Future of East Tennessee Technology Park, including Reuse, Historic Preservation and Stewardship
- Additions/Approval of Agenda
- Motions/Approval of June 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes
- Status of Recommendations with DOE
- Committee Reports
- Alternate DDFO Report
- Adjourn

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Oak Ridge, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Melyssa P. Noe at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the phone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to the agenda item should contact Melyssa P. Noe at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comments will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Melyssa P. Noe at the address and phone number listed above. Minutes will also be available at the following Web site: www.energy.gov/orssab.

Issued at Washington, DC, on August 12, 2016.

LaTanya R. Butler,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-488-000]

Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC; Notice of Application

Take notice that on August 1, 2016, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC (Natural), 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, IL 60515, filed an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas

Act (NGA), and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting authorization to construct and operate a new compressor station and associated pipeline lateral located in Cass County, Texas (Gulf Coast Expansion Project). Natural is also requesting authorization to abandon two compressor units at its Compressor Station 301 in Wharton County, Texas, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Natural proposes to provide long-term firm transportation service to two shippers that have subscribed to the capacity created by the Project. The Project capacity is developed through the integration of existing capacity and expansion capacity of 240,000 Dth/day which will enable Natural to transport 460,000 Dth per day of natural gas supplies to an existing delivery point and a new delivery point in the South Texas Gulf Coast area. The project shippers have elected negotiated rates. Natural proposes to construct a new 15,900 horsepower compressor station on its Gulf Coast Line, and a new 4,000-foot, 30-inch lateral to connect the proposed compressor to Natural's existing A/G Line. Natural also proposes to abandon 5,600 hp of existing compression on its system. Total cost of the project is \$69,399,000.

The filing may also be viewed on the Web 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, please contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Bruce H. Newsome, Vice President, Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC, 3250 Lacey Road, Suite 700, Downers Grove, IL 60515, or by calling (630) 725-3070 (telephone) or email at bruce_newsome@kindermorgan.com.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a

Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit 7 copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenters will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenters will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commenters will not receive copies of all documents

filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: September 2, 2016.

Dated: August 12, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16-489-000]

Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization: WBI Energy Transmission, Inc.

Take notice that on August 5, 2016, WBI Energy Transmission, Inc. (WBI Energy), 1250 West Century Avenue, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503, filed in Docket No. CP16-489-000 a prior notice request pursuant to § 157.205, 157.210, and 157.216(b) of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), as amended, requesting authorization to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas facilities in McKenzie and Williams Counties, North Dakota. WBI Energy states that the proposed activities will allow it to deliver 62,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas transportation service. WBI Energy estimates the cost of the proposed facilities to be approximately \$18.4 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502-8659.

Specifically, WBI Energy proposes to: (1) Install two new compressor units, totaling 5,325 horsepower (HP), at its