

pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), and 41 CFR 102–3.140 and 102–3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: The mission of the DSB is to provide independent advice and technical enterprise. The objective of the meeting is to obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DSB's mission. The meeting will focus on the DSB's 2018 Summer Study on Strategic Surprise tasking, to include DoD dependence on the U.S. electric power grid, homeland air defense, maritime situational awareness, threats and promise of biotechnology, countering autonomous systems, technical approaches to counter-intelligence, resilient positioning, navigation and timing, various undersea issues, gray zone conflict, resilience of the defense industrial base, and logistics.

Agenda: The DSB meeting will begin on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. with opening remarks from Mr. Edward Gliot, DSB Executive Director, Dr. Craig Fields, DSB Chairman and Dr. Eric Evans, Vice Chairman. Following opening remarks, DSB members will hold classified small group discussions covering DoD dependence on the U.S. electric power grid, homeland air defense, maritime situational awareness, threats and promises of biotechnology, countering autonomous systems, technical approaches to counter-intelligence, resilient positioning, navigation and timing, various undersea issues, gray zone conflict, resilience of the defense industrial base, and logistics. After break, DSB members will hold classified discussions covering DoD dependence on the U.S. electric power grid, homeland air defense, maritime situational awareness, threats and promises of biotechnology, countering autonomous systems, technical approaches to counter-intelligence, resilient positioning, navigation and timing, various undersea issues, gray zone conflict, resilience of the defense industrial base, and logistics. The meeting will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. On the second day of the meeting, Thursday, July 19, 2018, the day will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a classified session covering DoD dependence on the U.S. electric power grid, homeland air defense, maritime situational awareness, threats and promises of biotechnology, countering autonomous systems, technical approaches to counter-intelligence,

resilient positioning, navigation and timing, various undersea issues, gray zone conflict, resilience of the defense industrial base, and logistics. After break, the classified discussion will continue on the same topics. The meeting will adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.155, the DoD has determined that the DSB meeting will be closed to the public. Specifically, the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, in consultation with the DoD Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the meeting will be closed to the public because it will consider matters covered by 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1). The determination is based on the consideration that it is expected that discussions throughout will involve classified matters of national security concern. Such classified material is so intertwined with the unclassified material that it cannot reasonably be segregated into separate discussions without defeating the effectiveness and meaning of the overall meetings. To permit the meeting to be open to the public would preclude discussion of such matters and would greatly diminish the ultimate utility of the DSB's findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering.

Written Statements: In accordance with section 10(a)(3) of the FACA and 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140, interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the DSB at any time regarding its mission or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the DSB DFO provided above at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least three calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the DSB until a later date.

Dated: July 18, 2018.

Shelly E. Finke,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18–18–000]

Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Gateway Expansion Project, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Gateway Expansion Project, proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to modify certain facilities in Essex and Passaic Counties, New Jersey, to increase the firm transportation capacity on the existing pipeline to allow greater access to natural gas supplies. The proposed modifications would occur within existing facilities, with no new permanent right-of-way.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Gateway Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Gateway Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

Essex County

Compressor Station 303

- Expansion of the building and installation of a 33,000 horsepower electric-motor driven compression unit and ancillary equipment; and
- extension of security fencing and access to new equipment.

Roseland Meter and Regulator

- Installation of a 36-inch-diameter Main Line block valve with automation controls.

Roseland Electric Substation

- Installation of an electric transformer unit.

Passaic County

Paterson Meter and Regulator

- Replacing the existing 12-inch-diameter headers with two new 6-inch-diameter ultrasonic meter skids and associated equipment; and

- installation of ancillary equipment.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on August 16, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP18-18-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. 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 must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular

project, please select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).¹ Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search," and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP18-18). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Dated: July 17, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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 Number: PR18-66-000.

Applicants: Alpine High Pipeline LP.

Description: Tariff filing per 284.123(b), (e)+(g): Notice of Name Change and Revision to Statement of Operating Conditions to be effective 7/2/2018.

Filed Date: 7/16/18.

Accession Number: 201807165056.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 8/6/18.

284.123(g) Protests Due: 5 p.m. ET 9/14/18.

Docket Numbers: RP18-979-000.

Applicants: Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.

Description: Compliance filing Tariff Waiver—ROFR Posting.

Filed Date: 7/16/18.

Accession Number: 20180716-5140.

Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 7/30/18.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the links or querying the docket number.

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

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.

Dated: July 17, 2018.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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