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## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. EL16-115-000; QF16-362-002; QF16-363-002; QF16-364-002; QF16-365-002; QF16-367-002; QF16-368-002; QF16-368-002; QF16-368-002; QF16-370-002; QF16-371-002; QF16-372-002; QF16-373-002; QF16-374-002; QF16-375-002; QF16-376-002; QF16-377-002; QF16-378-002; QF16-379-002; QF16-388-002; QF1

#### Windham Solar LLC; Allco Finance Limited; Windham Solar LLC; Notice of Amendment of Petition for Enforcement

Take notice that on September 26, 2016, Windham Solar LLC filed an amendment to the September 12, 2016 filed petition for enforcement pursuant to section 210 of Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA), 16 U.S.C. 824a–3.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. On or before the comment date, it is not necessary to serve motions to intervene or protests on persons other than the Applicant.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of 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.

This filing is accessible on-line at <a href="http://www.ferc.gov">http://www.ferc.gov</a>, using the "eLibrary" link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an "eSubscription" link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email <a href="ferc.gov">FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov</a>, or call (866) 208–3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502–8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 17, 2016.

Dated: September 27, 2016.

#### Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

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[Docket No. CP16-493-000]

Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC.; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Central Virginia Connector Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

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 Central Virginia Connector Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Columbia Gas Transmission, L.L.C. (Columbia) in Louisa and Goochland Counties, Virginia. 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. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. 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 EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before October 27, 2016.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on August 12, 2016, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP16–493–000 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 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

Columbia 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?" 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. It is also available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov).

## **Public Participation**

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or *efiling@ferc.gov*. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

- (1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature on the Commission's Web site (*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 file your comments electronically by using the *eFiling* feature on the Commission's Web site (*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*." If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select "Comment on a Filing" as the filing type; or
- (3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP16–493–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

#### **Summary of the Proposed Project**

Columbia proposes to replace three Solar Saturn units with one Solar Centaur 50 unit at the existing Louisa Compressor Station, convert the replaced units to standby, increase the certificated horsepower (HP) at the Louisa Compressor Station from 4,050 HP to 6,130 HP, install pipe and valve modifications to make the existing point of delivery between Columbia's Mainline VM-108 and VM-109 at Boswell's Tavern Compressor Station bidirectional, install a new point of delivery meter station adjacent to Columbia's Goochland Compressor Station, and install other appurtenant facilities.

The Central Virginia Connector Project is in Louisa and Goochland Counties, Virginia and would provide 45,000 cubic feet per day of natural gas on its system and modernize compression at the Louisa Compressor Station.

The general location of the project facilities is shown in appendix 1.1

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

Construction of the proposed facilities would temporarily disturb about 13.3 acres of land. Following construction, Columbia Gas would maintain about 0.9 acre for permanent operation of the project's facilities; the remaining acreage would be restored and revert to former uses.

#### The EA Process

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from an action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires us 2 to discover and address concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as "scoping." The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of the issues to address in the EA. We will consider all filed comments during the preparation of the EA.

In the EA we will discuss impacts that could occur as a result of the construction and operation of the proposed project under these general headings:

- geology and soils;
- land use:
- water resources, fisheries, and wetlands;
  - cultural resources;
  - vegetation and wildlife;
  - air quality and noise;
  - · endangered and threatened species;
  - · public safety; and
  - cumulative impacts.

We will also evaluate reasonable alternatives to the proposed project or portions of the project, and make recommendations on how to lessen or avoid impacts on the various resource areas.

The EA will present our independent analysis of the issues. The EA will be available in the public record through eLibrary. Depending on the comments received during the scoping process, we may also publish and distribute the EA to the public for an allotted comment period. We will consider all comments on the EA before making our recommendations to the Commission. To ensure we have the opportunity to consider and address your comments, please carefully follow the instructions in the Public Participation section, beginning on page 2.

With this notice, we are asking agencies with jurisdiction by law and/ or special expertise with respect to the environmental issues of this project to formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>3</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

# **Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act**

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>4</sup> We will define the

project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

#### **Environmental Mailing List**

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals. organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

#### **Becoming an Intervenor**

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an "intervenor" which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenors play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the "Document-less Intervention Guide" under the "e-filing" link on the Commission's Web site.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The appendices referenced in this notice would not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at 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>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "We," "us," and "our" refer to the environmental staff of the Commission's Office of Energy Projects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define

historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Motions to intervene are more fully described at http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp.

#### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at 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., CP16-493). 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/docsfiling/esubscription.asp.

Finally, public meetings or site visits would be posted on the Commission's calendar located at www.ferc.gov/
EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

Dated: September 27, 2016.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric corporate filings:

Docket Numbers: EC16–192–000. Applicants: Boulder Solar II, LLC, Avangrid Renewables, LLC.

Description: Joint Application of Boulder Solar II, LLC, et. al. for Authorization of Transaction Under Section 203 of the FPA, and Requests for Shortened Comment Period, Expedited Action, Waivers of Filing Requirements and Confidential Treatment.

Filed Date: 9/26/16.

Accession Number: 20160926–5285. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/17/16.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

Docket Numbers: ER10–2302–006. Applicants: Public Service Company of New Mexico.

Description: Supplement to December 29, 2015 Public Service Company of New Mexico submits Triennial Market Power Update. [CD being filed under separate cover].

Filed Date: 9/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160927–5084. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER10–2633–027; ER10–2570–027; ER10–2717–027; ER10–3140–027; ER13–55–017.

Applicants: Birchwood Power Partners, L.P., Shady Hills Power Company, L.L.C., EFS Parlin Holdings, LLC, Inland Empire Energy Center, LLC, Homer City Generation, L.P.

Description: Notice of Non-Material Change in Status of the GE Companies. Filed Date: 9/26/16.

Accession Number: 20160926–5219. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/17/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–2669–000. Applicants: Consumers Energy Company.

Description: Initial rate filing: Blackstart Service to be effective 10/1/2016.

Filed Date: 9/26/16.

 $\begin{array}{l} Accession\ Number:\ 20160926-5214.\\ Comments\ Due:\ 5\ p.m.\ ET\ 10/17/16. \end{array}$ 

Docket Numbers: ER16–2670–000. Applicants: Orange and Rockland Utilities, Inc.

Description: Tariff Cancellation: Cancellation of Tariff Identifier ER16– 896 to be effective 12/31/9998.

Filed Date: 9/26/16.

Accession Number: 20160926–5216. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/17/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–2671–000. Applicants: FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: Normal filing 2016 to be effective 11/26/ 2015.

Filed Date: 9/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160927–5072. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16.

Docket Numbers: ER16–2672–000. Applicants: Georgia Power Company. Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing:

Amendment of Georgia Power Company Rate Schedule No. 850 to be effective 11/1/2016.

Filed Date: 9/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160927–5098. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16. Docket Numbers: ER16–2673–000.

Applicants: Public Service Company of Colorado.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 20160927\_SAP Production Clean Up to be effective 1/1/2016.

Filed Date: 9/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160927–5112. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16. Docket Numbers: ER16–2674–000. Applicants: Public Service Company

of Colorado.

Description: § 205(d) Rate Filing: 20160927\_SAP Production Formula Rate to be effective 4/16/2016.

Filed Date: 9/27/16.

Accession Number: 20160927–5113. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16. Docket Numbers: ER16–2675–000.

Applicants: AltaGas Pomona Energy Storage Inc.

Description: Baseline eTariff Filing: AltaGas Pomona Energy Storage Inc. MBR Tariff to be effective 10/1/2016.

Filed Date: 9/27/16. Accession Number: 20160927–5137. Comments Due: 5 p.m. ET 10/18/16.

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 comment date. 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: September 27, 2016.

#### Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

## Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16-2659-000]

## Grant Plains Wind, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding of Grant Plains Wind, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an