

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 4, 2017.

*Dated:* March 21, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. EL17-52-000]

#### Republic Transmission, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on March 15, 2017, pursuant to section 219 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824s (2012), and Rule 207 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207 (2015), Republic Transmission, LLC (Republic) filed a petition for declaratory order authorizing Republic to use specific limited transmission rate incentives and treatments for Republic's development of the Duff-Coleman EHV 345 kV Competitive Transmission Project, all as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. 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. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also 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 [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on April 14, 2017.

*Dated:* March 22, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9958-90-Region 3]

### EPA-Mid-Atlantic Region III; Maryland Marine Sanitation Device Standard—Receipt of Petition

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice—Receipt of petition.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the State of Maryland requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Mid-Atlantic Region, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the Chester River, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, Maryland. EPA is requesting comments on this petition and whether EPA should designate the Chester River and its tributaries as a No Discharge Zone as provided in the Clean Water Act. The petition is available upon request from EPA (at the email address below) or at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL\\_CRA\\_NDZ\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL_CRA_NDZ_APPLICATION.pdf).

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing to EPA on or before April 27, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Michael D. Hoffmann, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency—Mid-Atlantic Region, 1650 Arch Street, Mail Code 3WP10, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, or emailed to [Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov](mailto:Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov). Only written comment will be considered.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael D. Hoffmann, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Mid-Atlantic Region. Telephone: (215) 814-2716, Fax number: (215) 814-2301; email address: [Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov](mailto:Hoffmann.michael@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the Secretary of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources on behalf of the State of Maryland requesting a determination by the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mid-Atlantic Region pursuant to Section 312(f)(3) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1322(f)(3), that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels is reasonably available for the entirety of the Chester River and its tributaries. EPA is requesting comments on this petition and whether EPA should designate the Chester River as a No Discharge Zone as provided in that provision of the Clean Water Act. The petition is available upon request from EPA (at the address above) or at [http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL\\_CRA\\_NDZ\\_APPLICATION.pdf](http://dnr.maryland.gov/boating/Documents/FINAL_CRA_NDZ_APPLICATION.pdf).

The State of Maryland makes this request as part of its application for a No Discharge Zone which will prohibit the discharge of sewage from vessels into the Chester River and its tributaries. The delineation of the proposed No Discharge Zone of the Chester River and its tributaries from the Chesapeake Bay will begin at 39°8'54.48" N., 76°16'37.11" W. and extend down to 39°2'23.56" N., 76°18'8.89" W. From there it will continue east throughout any navigable waters including all tributaries and bays. Included within this zone are Lankford Bay, Corsica River, Southeast Creek, and many smaller tributaries.

The State of Maryland has certified that there are nineteen stationary and four mobile pumpout stations located at 17 marinas or docks throughout the Chester River. Sixteen of the nineteen stationary units also have a method to empty portable toilets. All of the pumpout stations noted were funded with grants administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and all comply with local and state sanitary permitting requirements. A list of the facilities, phone numbers, locations, and hours of operation can be found below.

## LIST OF FACILITIES WITH PUMPOUTS IN THE PROPOSED NO DISCHARGE ZONE

Pumpout facility	Operating hours in season	Mean low water depth (ft)	Phone No.	Address
Bayside Landing Park .....	24-7 .....	5	410-778-2600	20927 Bayside Avenue, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Castle Harbor Marina .....	24-7 .....	6	410-643-5599	301 Tackle Cir, Chester, MD 21619.
Chestertown Marina .....	9:00-5:00 daily .....	10	410-778-0500	207 S Water St, Chestertown, MD 21620.
Gratitude Marina .....	9:00-5:00 daily .....	7	410-639-7011	5924 Lawton Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Haven Harbor Marina .....	8:00-5:00 daily .....	6	410-778-6687	20880 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Kennerly Point Marina .....	8:00-5:00 daily .....	3	410-758-2394	223 Marina Ln, Church Hill, MD 21623.
Lankford Bay Marina .....	24-7 .....	7	410-778-1414	23002 McKinleyville Rd, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Long Cove Marina .....	8:00-5:00 daily .....	6	410-778-6777	22589 Hudson Rd, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Mears Point Marina .....	8:30-7:00 daily .....	6	410-827-8888	428 Kent Narrow Way N, Grasonville, MD 21638.
North Point Marina .....	9:00-5:00 daily .....	6	410-639-2907	5639 Walnut St, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Osprey Point Marina .....	24-7 .....	6	410-639-2194	20786 Rock Hall Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Piney Narrows Yacht Haven .....	8:30-6:30 daily .....	8	410-643-6600	500 Piney Narrows Rd, Chester, MD 21619.
Queenstown Harbor Community Pier .....	24-7 .....	6	301-343-5487	252 Harbor Lane, Queenstown, MD 21658.
Rock Hall Landing Marina .....	9:00-5:00 daily .....	5	410-639-2224	5657 S Hawthorne Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Sailing Emporium .....	8:00-5:00 daily .....	8	410-778-1342	21144 Green Lane, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Spring Cove Marina .....	24-7 .....	5	410-639-2110	21035 Spring Cove Rd, Rock Hall, MD 21661.
Swan Creek Marina .....	24-7 .....	7	410-639-7813	6043 Lawton Ave, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

The State of Maryland has provided documentation indicating that the total vessel population is estimated to be between 2,705 and 4,700 boats in the proposed area. Using the higher of those estimates, approximately 3,196 are identified as recreational vessels, 1,151 are identified as commercial vessels, and 353 are classified as "Other." The estimated vessel population in all of the affected areas is based on length: The most conservative estimates provided by the State of Maryland suggest that there are no vessels less than 16 feet in length, 15 vessels between 16 feet and 25 feet in length, 3,034 vessels between 25 feet and 40 feet in length, and 1,651 vessels greater than 40 feet in length. Based on the number and size of vessels and EPA guidance for state and local officials, the estimated number of vessels requiring pumpout facilities in the Chester River during peak occupancy is 1,207.

In their application, Maryland has certified that the Chester River and its tributaries need greater environmental protection and enhancement of the waters. Maryland has classified the Chester River and the Chesapeake Bay which it drains into, as impaired for not meeting applicable state water quality standards. One hundred percent (100%) of the Chester River is considered impaired by either nutrients, sediment, bacteria or a combination thereof. The counties of Kent and Queen Anne's that surround the Chester River rank as the top two Maryland waterfront counties in terms of beach closings by percentage of beaches. All beach closings were due to elevated bacteria as evidenced by high levels of enterococci.

The Chester River is an important economic driver for the region, providing jobs and revenue through

tourism, commercial and recreational fishing for fish and shellfish, boating, and more. Many people use the Chester River for hunting, cruising, nature observation, sightseeing, waterskiing, tubing, racing, and swimming. Based on a study by the Sage Policy Group in 2012, cited in the application, the Chester River supports \$86 million in annual local economic activity, 900 jobs, and \$26.7 million in annual labor income.

Dated: March 10, 2017.

**Cecil Rodrigues,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Mid-Atlantic Region.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications will also be available for inspection at the offices of

the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than April 24, 2017.

*A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago*  
(Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Wisconsin Mutual Bancorp, MHC, Kaukauna, Wisconsin and EWSB Bancorp, Inc., Kaukauna, Wisconsin*; to become bank holding companies by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of East Wisconsin Savings Bank, Kaukauna, Wisconsin, upon its conversion from mutual to stock form.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, March 23, 2017.

**Yao-Chin Chao,**

*Assistant Secretary of the Board.*

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