

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is May 25, 2022.

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 may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Dated: May 5, 2022.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP22-26-000]

#### Northern Natural Gas Company; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Des Moines A-Line Replacement Project

On December 3, 2021, Northern Natural Gas Company (Northern) filed an application in Docket No. CP22-26-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to abandon, remove, and construct certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Boone, Dallas and Polk Counties, Iowa. The proposed project is known as the Des Moines A-Line Replacement Project (Project). Northern proposes to abandon its existing 16-inch-diameter Des Moines A-Line, originally authorized in 1943, and replace its capacity through the installation of new 20-inch-diameter pipeline as an extension of its Des Moines C-Line. The C-Line extension would not increase the capacity of the system; but rather restore the 340 million cubic feet per day (MMcf/day) of natural gas lost with abandonment of the A-line. The Project would result in no loss of service to Northern's customers and would have no impact on Northern's ability to serve markets on its system.

On December 17, 2021, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.<sup>1</sup>

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA: November 4, 2022.  
90-day Federal Authorization  
Decision Deadline:<sup>2</sup> February 2, 2023.

<sup>1</sup> 40 CFR 1501.10 (2020).

<sup>2</sup> The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other federal agencies, and state agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for

If a schedule change becomes necessary, additional notice will be provided so that the relevant agencies are kept informed of the Project's progress.

#### Project Description

Northern proposes to abandon about 29.6 miles of its existing 16-inch-diameter Des Moines IAB65001 A-Line in Boone, Dallas and Polk Counties, Iowa. The abandonment would begin at its existing Ogden Compressor Station at A-Line milepost (MP) 0.0 in Boone County. It would terminate at an existing A-Line Third Launcher, at A-Line MP 29.63, in Polk County. The A-Line would remain in-service downstream of the launcher; which would be renamed the Des Moines Piggings and Regulator Facility. Most of the existing A-Line would be abandoned-in-place; however, Northern proposes to remove about 0.06 mile of the A-Line. Northern also proposes to install a total of about 9.1 miles of new 20-inch-diameter pipeline as an extension of its existing C-Line in Boone, Dallas, and Polk Counties, Iowa.

#### Background

On February 8, 2022, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Des Moines A-Line Replacement Project*. The scoping period closed March 11, 2022. The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; federal, state, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; potentially interested Indian tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received a comment from the Teamsters National Pipeline Labor Management Cooperation Trust, stating that they support the building of the Project if union labor is utilized in construction. A landowner stated that the Project was rerouted to avoid their property, and referenced a past incident of pipeline failure on their property. A second landowner expressed concerns that the Project would negatively impact the impending sale of their property. All substantive environmental comments will be addressed in the EA.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This

other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by federal law.

service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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](http://www.ferc.gov)). Using the "eLibrary" link, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP22-26), and follow the instructions. For assistance with access to eLibrary, the helpline can be reached at (866) 208-3676, TTY (202) 502-8659, or at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC website also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

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**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## 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 Numbers:* PR22-37-000.

*Applicants:* Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.

*Description:* Submits tariff filing per 284.123(b)(2)+(: Petition for Rate Approval to be effective 5/2/2022.

*Filed Date:* 5/2/22.

*Accession Number:* 20220502-5245.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/23/2022.

*Docket Numbers:* RP22-907-000.

*Applicants:* Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline, L.L.C.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—Northern to Direct eff 5-1-2022 to be effective 5/1/2022.

*Filed Date:* 5/4/22.

*Accession Number:* 20220504-5128.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/16/22.

*Docket Numbers:* RP22-908-000.

*Applicants:* Texas Eastern Transmission, LP.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Negotiated Rates—BUG to Sunsea eff 5-4-22 to be effective 5/4/2022.

*Filed Date:* 5/5/22.

*Accession Number:* 20220505-5000.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/17/22.

*Docket Numbers:* RP22-909-000.

*Applicants:* Rager Mountain Storage Company LLC.

*Description:* § 4(d) Rate Filing: Price Indice Update to be effective 6/4/2022.

*Filed Date:* 5/5/22.

*Accession Number:* 20220505-5040.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 5/17/22.

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.

The filings are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/idmws/search/fercensearch.asp>) by querying the docket number.

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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### [Project No. 3562-026]

#### KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC; Notice of Settlement Agreement and Soliciting Comments

Take notice that the following settlement agreement has been filed with the Commission and is available for public inspection.

a. *Type of Application:* Settlement Agreement.

b. *Project No.:* 3562-026.

c. *Date filed:* April 29, 2022.

d. *Applicant:* KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC.

e. *Name of Project:* Barker Mill Upper Hydroelectric Project (a.k.a. Upper Barker Project).

f. *Location:* On the Little Androscoggin River, in the City of Auburn, Androscoggin County, Maine. The project does not affect federal lands.

g. *Filed Pursuant to:* Rule 602 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.602.

h. *Applicant Contact:* Lewis C. Loon, General Manager, KEI (USA) Power Management Inc., 423 Brunswick Avenue, Gardiner, ME 04345; phone at (207) 203-3027; email at [LewisC.Loan@krueger.com](mailto:LewisC.Loan@krueger.com).

i. *FERC Contact:* John Matkowski, telephone (202) 502-8576, and email [john.matkowski@ferc.gov](mailto:john.matkowski@ferc.gov).

j. *Deadline for filing comments:* May 25, 2022. Reply comments due June 4, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file comments using the Commission's eFiling system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters, without prior registration, using the eComment system at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/ecomment.asp>. You must include your name and contact information at the end of your comments. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-3562-026.

The Commission's Rules of Practice require all intervenors filing documents with the Commission to serve a copy of that document on each person on the official service list for the project.

Further, if an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency.

k. KEI (Maine) Power Management (III) LLC (KEI Power) filed a Settlement Agreement for the Barker's Mill Project (FERC No. 2808),<sup>1</sup> Upper Barker Project (FERC No. 3562), and Marcal Project (FERC No. 11482) (Settlement) executed by and between the licensee and the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Maine

<sup>1</sup> The Barker's Mill Project is also known as and referred herein as the Lower Barker Project.