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More information about the Task Force, including frequently asked questions, is available here: <https://www.ferc.gov/TFSOET>. For more information about this meeting, please contact: Gretchen Kershaw, 202-502-8213, gretchen.kershaw@ferc.gov; or Jennifer Murphy, 202-898-1350, jmurphy@naruc.org. For information related to logistics, please contact Benjamin Williams, 202-502-8506, benjamin.williams@ferc.gov; or Rob Thormeyer, 202-502-8694, robert.thormeyer@ferc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. PF22-7-000]

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Public Scoping Sessions for the Planned Ridgeline Expansion Project

On July 22, 2022, the staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments On Environmental Issues for the Planned Ridgeline Expansion Project*. With that notice, the Commission requested public comments on the scope of issues to address in the environmental document that the FERC staff will prepare to discuss the environmental impacts of the Ridgeline Expansion Project (Project). The Project involves construction and operation of facilities by East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee) in Trousdale, Smith, Jackson, Putnam, Overton, Fentress, Morgan, and Roane Counties, Tennessee. The Commission will use this environmental document in its decision-making process to determine

whether the Project is in the public convenience and necessity.

The July 22, 2022 notice¹ announced the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies regarding the Project. This notice announces the scoping session dates, locations, and times (see *Public Participation* section of this notice). As part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, the Commission considers concerns the public may have about proposals and the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This gathering of public input is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the environmental document on the important environmental issues. Additional information about the Commission’s NEPA process is described below in the *NEPA Process and Environmental Document* section of this notice.

To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 20, 2022. Comments may be submitted in written or oral form. In lieu of or in addition to sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend public scoping sessions to provide verbal and/or written comments on the Project. Appendix 1 describes the session format. Further details on how to submit comments, including attending the public scoping sessions, are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

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 environmental document. Commission staff will consider all written or oral comments during the preparation of the environmental document.

If you submitted comments on this Project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on May 20, 2022, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. PF22-7-000 to ensure they are considered.

¹The map provided as appendix 1 in the July 22, 2022 notice had the incorrect location of the *New Meter and Regulation Station at the TVA Kingston Plant*. Appendix 2 in this notice provides the accurate location. It would be on the west end, and not the east end, of the Project.

This notice was sent to the Commission’s current environmental mailing list for this Project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this planned 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 planned facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable easement agreement. You are not required to enter into an agreement. However, if the Commission approves the Project, the Natural Gas Act conveys the right of eminent domain to the company. Therefore, if you and the company do not reach an easement agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings in court. In such instances, compensation would be determined by a judge in accordance with state law. The Commission does not subsequently grant, exercise, or oversee the exercise of that eminent domain authority. The courts have exclusive authority to handle eminent domain cases; the Commission has no jurisdiction over these matters.

A fact sheet prepared by FERC entitled “An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?” addresses typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings. This fact sheet along with other landowner topics of interest are available for viewing on the FERC website (www.ferc.gov) under the links to Natural Gas Questions or Landowner Topics.

Public Participation

There are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the *eComment* feature, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. Using *eComment* 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, which is located on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. 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 will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; a comment on a particular project is considered a “Comment on a Filing”; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the Commission. Be sure to reference the Project docket number (PF22–7–000) on your letter. 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.

(4) In lieu of sending written comments, the Commission invites you to attend one of the public scoping sessions its staff will conduct in the project area, scheduled as follows:

Date and time	Location
Monday, October 3, 2022, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. EDT	Kingston Community Center, 201 Patton Ferry Road, Kingston, TN 37763, (865) 376–1356.
Tuesday, October 4, 2022, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT	Trousdale Community Center, 301 E Main Street, Hartsville, TN 37074, (615) 374–9574.
Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. CDT	Cookeville High School, 1 Cavalier Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501, (931) 520–2287.

The primary goal of these scoping sessions is to have you identify the specific environmental issues and concerns that should be considered in the environmental document. Individual oral comments will be taken on a one-on-one basis with a court reporter. This format is designed to receive the maximum amount of oral comments in a convenient way during the timeframe allotted.

You may arrive at any time after the start times listed above. There will not be a formal presentation by Commission staff when the session opens. If you wish to speak, the Commission staff will hand out numbers in the order of your arrival. Comments will be taken until the end times listed above. However, if no additional numbers have been handed out and all individuals who wish to provide comments have had an opportunity to do so, staff may conclude the session up to an hour before the end times listed above. Please see appendix 1 for additional information on the session format and conduct.²

Your scoping comments will be recorded by a court reporter (with FERC staff or representative present) and become part of the public record for this proceeding. Transcripts will be publicly available on FERC’s eLibrary system (see the last page of this notice for instructions on using eLibrary). If a significant number of people are interested in providing oral comments

in the one-on-one settings, a time limit of 5 minutes may be implemented for each commentor.

It is important to note that the Commission provides equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided orally at a scoping session. Although there will not be a formal presentation, Commission staff will be available throughout the scoping session to answer your questions about the environmental review process. Representatives from East Tennessee will also be present to answer project-specific questions.

Additionally, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription, which makes it easy to stay informed of all issuances and submittals regarding the dockets/projects to which you subscribe. These instant email notifications are the fastest way to receive notification and provide a link to the document files which can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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 and includes a mailing address with their comments. Commission staff will update the

environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that Commission notices related to this environmental review are sent to all individuals, organizations, and government entities interested in and/or potentially affected by the planned Project.

If you need to make changes to your name/address, or if you would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please complete one of the following steps:

(1) Send an email to GasProjectAddressChange@ferc.gov stating your request. You must include the docket number PF22–7–000 in your request. If you are requesting a change to your address, please be sure to include your name and the correct address. If you are requesting to delete your address from the mailing list, please include your name and address as it appeared on this notice. *This email address is unable to accept comments.* OR

(2) Return the attached “Mailing List Update Form” (appendix 3).

Becoming an Intervenor

Once East Tennessee files its application with the Commission, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission’s decision 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 pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214). Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to.asp>. Please note that the Commission will not accept requests for intervenor status at

² The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “eLibrary”. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice. 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 FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll free, (888) 208–3676 or TTY (202) 502–8659.

this time. You must wait until the Commission receives a formal application for the Project, after which the Commission will issue a public notice that establishes an intervention deadline.

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 website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on "General Search" and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field. 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 all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

Public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at <https://www.ferc.gov/news-events/events> along with other related information.

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Secretary.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Applications and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on August 24, 2022, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), P. O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP22-502-000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct, operate, and maintain its Commonwealth Energy Connector Project (CEC Project) located in various counties in Virginia. The CEC Project is designed to provide an additional 105,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of firm transportation service for Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. (VNG), from Transco's existing Station 165 Zone 5 Pooling Point in Pittsylvania County,

Virginia to the existing interconnection between Transco and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Greensville County, Virginia (Emporia I/C), where VNG has contracted with Columbia for further firm transportation service.

In addition, on August 24, 2022, Columbia, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP22-503-000, an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct and operate its Virginia Reliability Project (VR Project) located in various counties in Virginia. The VR Project is designed to provide an additional 100,000 Dth/d of firm transportation service for VNG, from Emporia I/C to VNG's existing delivery point in Chesapeake County, Virginia.

Specifically, Transco proposes to: (1) install an additional 33,000 horsepower (HP) at existing Compressor Station (CS) 168 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia; (2) install a 6.35-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter extension of South Virginia Lateral B-Line in Brunswick and Greensville Counties, Virginia; and (3) modify the existing Emporia M&R Station at Emporia I/C. Transco estimates the cost of the CEC Project to be \$117,709,858. Transco proposes a new incremental recourse rate designed to recover the cost of the proposed service, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Additionally, Columbia proposes to: (1) replace 49 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline with 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Virginia; (2) add a 5,500 HP hybrid compressor unit at the existing Emporia CS in Greensville County, Virginia; (3) modify the existing compressor units and increase power by 2,700 HP at the Petersburg CS in Prince George County, Virginia; and (4) modify other appurtenant facilities. Columbia will receive 105,000 Dth/d from Transco as proposed in Docket No. CP22-502-000 for re-delivery to VNG for VNG's markets. Columbia estimates the cost of the VR Project to be \$917,925,527. Columbia proposes a new incremental reservation rate, FTS-VRP, to apply to the VR Project capacity, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection with the Commission and open for public inspection.

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 or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding Transco's application should be directed to Nick Baumann, Regulatory Analyst, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, by telephone at (713) 215-3383, or by email at nick.baumann@williams.com.

Any questions regarding Columbia's application should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, by telephone at (832) 320-5477, or by email at david_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

On December 20, 2021, the Commission granted Columbia's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF22-3-000 to staff activities involved in the VR Project. Now, as of the filing of the August 24, 2022 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP22-503-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Additionally, on December 20, 2021, the Commission granted Transco's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF22-4-000 to staff activities involved in the CEC Project. Now, as of the filing of the August 24, 2022 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP22-502-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public

¹ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.