

Township of Pilesgrove, N.J. (Pilesgrove), the Board instituted a declaratory order proceeding to determine whether and to what extent 49 U.S.C. 10501(b) preempts certain local and state laws regarding land use and land development by SMS Rail Service, Inc. (SMS). *Twp. of Pilesgrove, N.J.—Pet. for Declaratory Ord.*, FD 36770 (STB served Sept. 13, 2024). The Board also granted a petition to intervene filed by the Township of Mannington, N.J. (Mannington), and directed Pilesgrove, Mannington, and SMS to confer and jointly submit by October 8, 2024, a proposed procedural schedule to govern this proceeding. *Id.* at 2, 3. The decision also ordered that, if the parties failed to agree on a procedural schedule, each must file its own proposed schedule by that date. *Id.*

Counsel for the parties conferred but were unable to reach agreement on a proposed schedule. Consequently, each party submitted its own proposal. On October 4, SMS proposed the following procedural schedule: (1) opening statements by all parties due by November 29, 2024; (2) comments from other interested persons due by December 30, 2024; and (3) replies by all parties due by January 20, 2024. (SMS Req. 4.) SMS asserts that its proposed schedule will ensure a full and complete factual record. (*Id.* at 3.) According to SMS, there have been developments on the subject rail line since the townships' petitions were filed—including state court proceedings—and there is additional information about the line from the last two years related to preemption that should be provided to the Board. (*Id.* at 3–4.) SMS also asserts the townships have not adequately supported the allegations in their petitions and expresses concern that both townships may seek to introduce untimely evidence or argument on reply if they are not afforded an opportunity to submit opening statements. (*Id.* at 3–4, 3 n.2 (citing Mannington Pet. 8–9).)

On October 7, 2024, Pilesgrove and Mannington each submitted a request for the following proposed schedule: (1) SMS's reply brief due by November 15, 2024; (2) Pilesgrove's and Mannington's rebuttal briefs due by December 20, 2024. (Pilesgrove Req. 1; Mannington Req. 2.) Pilesgrove and Mannington each ask the Board to consider its previously filed petition as its opening statement. (Pilesgrove Req. 1; Mannington Req. 2.) Mannington asserts that the facts have been fully described and explained in the townships' petitions and contends that SMS should present any additional facts or clarifications before each of the parties

files its legal analyses. (Mannington Req. 1.) In addition, Pilesgrove argues that the procedural schedule should provide for submissions from Pilesgrove, Mannington, and SMS only. (Pilesgrove Req. 2.)

On October 7, 2024, SMS replied to Pilesgrove's and Mannington's requests. First, counsel for SMS states that his trial/arbitration schedule cannot accommodate the November 15 deadline proposed by Pilesgrove and Mannington. (SMS Reply 2.) SMS also asserts that Salem County (Salem) should be provided an opportunity to participate, noting that Salem may provide support for SMS's positions and reiterating its position that other interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments. (*Id.* at 2, 4.)¹

No party requests discovery and Mannington explicitly states it believes discovery in this case would be unnecessary. (Mannington Req. 2.) The Board typically does not provide for discovery in declaratory order proceedings, *see, e.g., Metro Council—Pet. for Declaratory Ord.*, FD 36178, slip op. at 4 (STB served May 22, 2018), and, as no party has requested it, a discovery period will not be included in the procedural schedule adopted here. However, to ensure that the Board has a sufficient record, Pilesgrove and Mannington will be provided an opportunity to supplement the record with additional evidence and argument before SMS's reply is due, and submissions by other interested persons will be accepted, as provided below.

Based on the forgoing considerations, the following procedural schedule will be adopted: Pilesgrove and Mannington may file supplemental evidence and argument by November 8, 2024; SMS's reply evidence and argument, and submissions by other interested persons, will be due by December 9, 2024; rebuttal statements by Pilesgrove and Mannington, and SMS's response to submissions by other interested persons, will be due by January 7, 2025.

It is ordered:

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

- Pilesgrove and Mannington may file supplemental evidence and argument by November 8, 2024;

¹ SMS asserts that Mannington's petition to intervene "joins" Salem County but notes that Salem County is not on the Board's service list. (*Id.* at 2.) However, neither Mannington's petition to intervene nor the Board's decision granting it includes Salem County, and Salem County has not itself petitioned to intervene. In any event, the procedural schedule adopted here provides an opportunity for other interested persons to participate.

- SMS's reply evidence and argument, and submissions by other interested persons, are due by December 9, 2024; and

- Rebuttal statements by Pilesgrove and Mannington, and SMS's response to submissions by other interested persons, are due by January 7, 2025.

2. Notice of this decision will be published in the **Federal Register**.

3. This decision is effective on its service date.

Decided: October 24, 2024.

By the Board, Scott M. Zimmerman, Acting Director, Office of Proceedings.

Jeffrey Herzig,
Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket No. PHMSA–2024–0011]

Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC; Pipeline Safety: Request for Special Permit

AGENCY: Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA); U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: PHMSA is publishing this notice to solicit public comments on a request for special permit received from Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC (REX). The special permit request is seeking relief from compliance with Federal regulations in one segment of its Class 1 pipeline that exceeds the valve spacing requirement by 924 feet. At the conclusion of the 30-day comment period, PHMSA will review the comments received from this notice as part of its evaluation to grant or deny the special permit request.

DATES: Submit any comments regarding this special permit request by November 29, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Comments should reference the docket number for this special permit request and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *E-Gov Website:* <http://www.Regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** Notice issued by any agency.

- *Fax:* 1–202–493–2251.
- *Mail:* Docket Management System; U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140,

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
Washington, DC 20590.

• **Hand Delivery:** Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M-30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays.

Instructions: You should identify the docket number for the special permit request you are commenting on at the beginning of your comments. If you submit your comments by mail, please submit two (2) copies. To receive confirmation that PHMSA has received your comments, please include a self-addressed stamped postcard.

Note: There is a privacy statement published on <http://www.Regulations.gov>. Comments, including any personal information provided, are posted without changes or edits to <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

Confidential Business Information: Confidential Business Information (CBI) is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to this notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to this notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Pursuant to 49 CFR 190.343, you may ask PHMSA to give confidential treatment to information you give to the agency by taking the following steps: (1) mark each page of the original document submission containing CBI as “Confidential;” (2) send PHMSA, along with the original document, a second copy of the original document with the CBI deleted; and (3) explain why the information you are submitting is CBI. Unless you are notified otherwise, PHMSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the FOIA, and they will not be placed in the public docket of this notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Kay McIver, DOT, PHMSA-PHP-80, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Any commentary PHMSA receives that is not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this matter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

General: Ms. Kay McIver by telephone at 202-366-0113, or by email at kay.mciver@dot.gov.

Technical: Ms. Mary McDaniel by telephone at 713-235-0035, or by email at mary.mcdaniel@dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PHMSA received a special permit request from Rockies Express Pipeline, LLC (REX), a subsidiary Tallgrass Energy, on January 8, 2024, seeking a special permit to deviate from the Federal pipeline safety regulations in 49 CFR 192.179(a)(4), which requires transmission line valves to be placed no further than 10 miles apart in a Class 1 location. The special permit request is for a single segment where the valves are spaced 20.35 miles apart, exceeding the valve spacing requirement by 924 feet.

The proposed special permit would allow REX to continue to operate the single 20.35-mile segment of 42-inch diameter gas transmission pipeline without modifying the valve location. The 20.35-mile segment is in a Class 1 location in Monroe and Belmont Counties, Ohio.

The special permit request, proposed special permit with conditions, and Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA)/FONSI for the above listed REX pipeline segment are available for review and public comments in Docket Number PHMSA 2024-0011. PHMSA invites interested persons to review and submit comments on the special permit request and DEA/FONSI in the docket. Please submit comments on any potential safety, environmental, and other relevant considerations implicated by the special permit request. Comments may include relevant data.

Before issuing a decision on the special permit request, PHMSA will evaluate all comments received on or before the comments closing date. Comments received after the closing date will be evaluated if it is possible to do so without incurring additional expense or delay. PHMSA will consider each relevant comment it receives in making its decision to grant or deny this special permit request.

Issued in Washington, DC, on October 23, 2024, under authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.97.

Alan K. Mayberry,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Departmental Offices; Department of the Treasury.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection that is due for extension approval by the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of International Affairs of the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning extension with minor changes of the following form: Treasury International Capital Form SHL/SHLA, “Survey of Foreign-Residents’ Holdings of U.S. Securities, including Selected Money Market Instruments”. The report is mandatory. The next such collection is the annual survey to be conducted as of End-June, 2025.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 30, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Dwight Wolkow, International Portfolio Investment Data Systems, Department of the Treasury, Room 1050 MT, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20220. In view of possible delays in mail delivery, please also notify Mr. Wolkow by email (comments2TIC@treasury.gov), or telephone (202-622-1276).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the proposed forms and instructions are available on the Treasury’s TIC Forms web page at: <https://home.treasury.gov/data/treasury-international-capital-tic-system-home-page/tic-forms-instructions/forms-shl>. Requests for additional information should be directed to Mr. Wolkow (comments2TIC@treasury.gov or 202-622-1276).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Treasury International Capital Form SHL/SHLA, “Survey of Foreign-Residents’ Holdings of U.S. Securities, including Selected Money Market Instruments”.

OMB Control Number: 1505-0123.

Abstract: Form SHL/SHLA is part of the Treasury International Capital (TIC) reporting system, which is required by law (22 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*; E.O. 11961; 31 CFR 129) and is used to conduct annual surveys of foreign-residents’ holdings of U.S. securities for portfolio investment purposes. This information is used by the U.S. Government in the formulation of international financial and monetary policies and for the preparation of the U.S. balance of payments accounts and the U.S. international investment position. This information is also used to provide information to the public and to meet international reporting commitments.