

Reese, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (P-2725-076).

m. The application is not ready for environmental analysis at this time.

n. *The Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Project consists of the following existing facilities:* (1) a 120-foot-high, 12,895-foot-long earth and rockfill upper dam; (2) a 221 acre upper reservoir with 10,650 acre-feet of storage and a normal operating pool elevation of 1,392 feet NAVD88; (3) a 35-foot-diameter, 567-foot-high concrete-lined power shaft; (4) a 35-foot-diameter, 1,935-foot-long concrete lined tunnel with two concrete lined bifurcations; (5) three 19-foot-diameter, 470-foot-long steel lined penstocks; (6) a 348-foot-long, 156-foot-wide, 175-foot-high powerhouse containing three reversible Francis pump-turbines, with a combined installed capacity of 904 megawatts; (7) three 230 kilovolt, 2.7-mile-long transmission lines; (8) a substation; and (9) appurtenant facilities.

The project has reserve storage water contained in two auxiliary pools adjacent to the lower reservoir. Pool I's surface area is 400 acres and is formed by four dams. The pool I dams consist of: (a) a 25-foot-high earthen dam of unspecified length; (b) a 20-foot-high, 775-foot-long earth and rockfill dam; (c) a 50-foot-high, 700-foot-long earth and rockfill dam; (d) a 50-foot-high, 405-foot-long earth and rockfill dam. Pool II surface area is 200 acres and is formed by a 30-foot-high, 335-foot-long earth and rockfill dam.

The Rocky Mountain Pumped Storage Project is operated in a pumped storage mode and OPC proposes to continue operating the project in that mode.

o. A copy of the application can be viewed on the Commission's website at <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 (P-2725). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

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p. *Procedural schedule and final amendments:* The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary).	February 2025.
Request for Additional Information.	February 2025.
Issue Notice of Acceptance	May 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments.	June 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary).	August 2025.

q. Final amendments to the application must be filed with the Commission no later than 30 days from the issuance date of the notice of ready for environmental analysis.

Dated: December 18, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP23-516-000; CP23-516-001]

East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC; Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Ridgeline Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Ridgeline Expansion Project (Project), proposed by East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee) in the above-referenced docket. East Tennessee requests authorization to construct and operate 122.2 miles of 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and associated facilities in Trousdale, Smith, Jackson, Putnam, Overton, Fentress, Morgan, and Roane Counties, Tennessee. The purpose of the Project is to provide

about 300,000 dekatherms per day of new firm natural gas transportation capacity and up to 95,000 dekatherms of customized delivery service (*i.e.*, peaking service) from multiple providers to the site of Tennessee Valley Authority's Kingston Fossil Plant.

The final EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed Project would have some limited adverse environmental effects; however, with implementation of East Tennessee's impact avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, as well as adherence to the mitigation measures recommended in the EIS, these effects would be avoided, mitigated, or reduced to less-than-significant levels.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Park Service participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposal and participate in the NEPA analysis. The USACE will adopt and use the EIS to consider the issuance of an Individual Permit under section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Although the USACE provided input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the final EIS, the USACE will present its own conclusions and recommendations in its Record of Decision for the Project.

The final EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following Project facilities, all in the State of Tennessee:

- 122.2 miles of 30-inch-diameter pipeline in Trousdale, Smith, Jackson, Putnam, Overton, Fentress, Morgan, and Roane Counties, including 4.0 miles of header pipeline and 118.2 miles of mainline pipeline (collectively referred to as the Mainline);
- a new 14,600-horsepower, electric-driven compressor station (Hartsville Compressor Station) and an associated solar array to partially power the facility in Trousdale County;
- a new meter and regulating station to receive gas from Columbia Gulf Transmission, LLC in Trousdale County;
- modifications to two existing meter and regulating stations to receive gas from Texas Eastern Transmission, LP and Midwestern Gas Transmission Company in Trousdale County;

- a new delivery meter station to measure gas delivered to the Kingston Fossil Plant in Roane County; and
- related appurtenances.

East Tennessee also proposes to remove approximately 24 miles of previously abandoned-in-place pipe segments along East Tennessee's existing 22-inch-diameter Line 3100-1 associated with various prior pipeline replacement projects. East Tennessee would relay the new 30-inch-diameter Mainline pipe into the same trench.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* to Federal and State resources agencies, elected officials, environmental groups and non-governmental organizations, Native American Tribes, potentially affected landowners, local libraries and newspapers, and other stakeholders. The final EIS is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the final EIS may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>), select "General Search," and enter the docket number in the "Docket Number" field, excluding the last three digits (*i.e.* CP23-516). 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 final EIS is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff's independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. 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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Western Area Power Administration

Colorado River Storage Project—Rate Order No. WAPA-220

AGENCY: Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of proposed transmission and ancillary services formula rates.

SUMMARY: The Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Management Center (MC) of the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) proposes new formula rates for CRSP transmission and ancillary services for CRSP MC's costs to be recovered under the Southwest Power Pool's (SPP) Open Access Transmission Tariff (Tariff) should CRSP MC decide to become a member of SPP. The proposed formula rates will become effective on the latter of CRSP MC's membership date or the go-live date of the expansion of the SPP Regional Transmission Organization (RTO) into the Western Interconnection (scheduled for April 1, 2026, as of the date of this notice) and will remain in effect for 5 years from the effective date, which with an effective date of April 1, 2026, will be March 31, 2031, or until superseded.

DATES: A consultation and comment period will begin December 30, 2024 and end March 31, 2025. CRSP MC will present a detailed explanation of the proposed formula rates and other modifications at a public information forum that will be held on February 19, 2025, at 2 p.m. MST to no later than 3 p.m. MST. CRSP MC will also host a public comment forum on February 19, 2025, at 3:15 p.m. MST to no later than 4 p.m. MST. The public information

forum and the public comment forum will be conducted virtually. Instructions for participating in the forums will be posted on CRSP MC's Rates website at least 14 days prior to the public information and comment forums at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/crsp/rates/2026-rate-adjustment-transmission-and-ancillary-services/.

CRSP MC will accept comments any time during the consultation and comment period.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be informed of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) actions concerning the proposed formula rates submitted by WAPA to FERC for approval should be sent to: Rodney G. Bailey, CRSP Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, 1800 South Rio Grande Avenue, Montrose, CO 81401, or email CRSPMC-rate-adj@wapa.gov. CRSP MC will post information about the proposed formula rates and written comments received to its rates website at: www.wapa.gov/about-wapa/regions/crsp/rates/2026-rate-adjustment-transmission-and-ancillary-services/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tamala D. Gheller, Rates Manager, Colorado River Storage Project Management Center, Western Area Power Administration, (970) 240-6545 or email: gheller@wapa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 28, 2023, WAPA published a **Federal Register** notice titled "Recommendation for the Western Area Power Administration's Rocky Mountain Region and Colorado River Storage Project Management Center to Pursue Final Negotiations Regarding Membership in the Southwest Power Pool Regional Transmission Organization, and for the Upper Great Plains Region to Expand its Participation" (88 FR 26298). On June 4, 2024, SPP submitted revisions to its Tariff, Bylaws, and Membership Agreement to expand the SPP RTO into the Western Interconnection to FERC.¹ If SPP succeeds in obtaining FERC's approval of its Tariff, Bylaws, and Membership Agreement revisions, and upon further approval by the Administrator, CRSP MC plans to become a member of SPP.²

¹ Southwest Power Pool, Inc., Submission of Revisions to Tariff, Bylaws, and Membership Agreement to Expand the Regional Transmission Organization into the Western Interconnections (Part 1 of 2) and (Part 2 of 2), Docket Nos. ER24-2184, ER24-2185 (June 4, 2024).

² WAPA's Rocky Mountain region also plans to become a member of the SPP RTO, and WAPA's Upper Great Plains region plans to expand its