

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Rover Pipeline LLC
Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP
Trunkline Gas Company, LLC

Docket No. CP15-93-000
Docket No. CP15-94-000
Docket No. CP15-96-000

NOTICE OF SCHEDULE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW
OF THE ROVER PIPELINE, PANHANDLE BACKHAUL,
AND TRUNKLINE BACKHAUL PROJECTS

(November 9, 2015)

On February 20, 2015, Rover Pipeline LLC (Rover) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-93-000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and maintain certain natural gas pipeline facilities to transport about 3.25 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d) of stranded natural gas from Marcellus and Utica production areas in West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio to markets in the United States and Canada.

Additionally, on February 23, 2015, Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company, LP (Panhandle) and Trunkline Gas Company, LLC (Trunkline) filed applications in Docket Nos. CP15-94-000 and CP15-96-000, respectively, requesting Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act. Panhandle is proposing to modify existing facilities and install an interconnection with Rover in Defiance County, Ohio to accommodate 0.75 Bcf/d of east-to-west firm transportation service. Trunkline is proposing to modify existing facilities, including piping at the existing Panhandle-Trunkline Interconnect in Douglas County, Illinois (Trunkline Backhaul Project) to provide 0.75 Bcf/d of north-to-south firm transportation service. Together, these proposals are referred to in this notice as “the Projects.”

On March 9, 2015, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) issued its Notice of Applications for these Projects. Among other things, that notice alerted other agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on the requests for a federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff’s final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Projects. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff’s planned schedule for completion of the final EIS for the Projects.

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Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of Notice of Availability of the final EIS
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline

July 29, 2016
October 27, 2016

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

Project Description

Rover seeks Commission authorization to construct and operate about 713 miles of new 24-inch- to 42-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline in 1 county in Pennsylvania (Washington); 5 counties in West Virginia (Doddridge, Tyler, Wetzel, Marshall, and Hancock); 18 counties in Ohio (Monroe, Noble, Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson, Carroll, Tuscarawas, Stark, Wayne, Ashland, Richland, Crawford, Seneca, Hancock, Wood, Henry, Defiance, and Fulton); and 3 counties in Michigan (Lenawee, Washtenaw, and Livingston).

Panhandle and Trunkline are proposing upgrades and modifications to allow for bi-directional flow of natural gas on their existing pipeline systems. Modifications and upgrades along the Panhandle system would occur at existing facilities in Lenawee County, Michigan; Defiance County, Ohio; Allen, Hamilton, Marion, Parke, and Vermillion Counties, Indiana; and Douglas County, Illinois. The Trunkline system would include modifications and upgrades at existing facilities in Douglas, Wayne, and Massac Counties, Illinois; Dyer County, Tennessee; and Tate County, Mississippi.

Background

On June 27, 2014, the Commission staff granted Rover's request to use the FERC's Pre-filing environmental review process and assigned the Rover Pipeline Project Docket No. PF14-14. On November 4, 2014, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Rover Pipeline Project, Request for Comments on Environmental Issues, and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings* (NOI). Additionally, on May 1, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Panhandle Backhaul Project and Trunkline Backhaul Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection are cooperating agencies in the preparation of the EIS.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EIS and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/subscription.asp.

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Additional information about the Projects 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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" for the project you wish to access excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP15-93, CP15-94, or CP15-96), 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. 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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