

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Early Public and Governmental Engagement for Potential Designation of Tribal Energy Access, Southwestern Grid Connector, and Lake Erie-Canada National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors; Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Grid Deployment Office, Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of early public and governmental engagement and request for comment; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Grid Deployment Office (GDO) of the Department of Energy (DOE) is seeking public input and comment from Federal and State agencies, regional entities, Tribal and local governments, the public, and other interested parties on DOE's consideration of three potential National Interest Electric Transmission Corridors (NIETCs). On December 16, 2024, DOE published a Notice of Early Public and Governmental Engagement (notice) inviting input and comment on the possible scope of analysis, including environmental, cultural, or socioeconomic effects should DOE designate any of the potential NIETCs, and the contents of DOE's engagement framework, including appropriate methods and locations of future NIETC-specific meetings. DOE also invited any other relevant feedback. The notice provided an opportunity for submitting written comments, data, and information to DOE no later than February 14, 2025. DOE received requests to extend the public comment period, and in response DOE is reopening the public comment period through April 15, 2025.

DATES: The comment period for the notice published on December 14, 2024 (89 FR 101597) which closed on February 14, 2025, is reopened. DOE will accept comments, data, and information regarding the notice that are received no later than April 15, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are encouraged to submit comments using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov, under the relevant docket number(s). Alternatively, interested parties may submit comments, identified by relevant docket number(s), by any of the following methods:

- **Email:** NIETC@hq.doe.gov. Include the relevant docket number(s) in the subject line of the email.
- **Mail:** Address written comments to U.S. Department of Energy, Grid Deployment Office, 1000 Independence

Ave. SW, Suite 4H-065, Washington, DC 20585.

Instructions: There are four docket numbers associated with this re-opening of Notice of Early Public and Governmental Engagement comment period. DOE encourages interested parties to submit general recommendations and comments under the docket number in which this notice has been posted, as well as recommendations and comments specific to the circumstances of individual potential NIETCs in the relevant dockets: DOE-HQ-2024-0088—Potential Designation of the Tribal Energy Access National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor; DOE-HQ-2024-0089—Potential Designation of the Southwestern Grid Connector National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor; DOE-HQ-2024-0090—Potential Designation of the Lake Erie-Canada National Interest Electric Transmission Corridor.

Docket: The dockets for this activity are available for review at www.regulations.gov. All documents in the dockets are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. However, not all documents listed in the index may be publicly available, such as information that is exempt from public disclosure. The docket web pages can be found at www.regulations.gov. The docket web pages contain instructions on how to access all documents, including public comments, in the dockets.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Gomer, Senior Technical Advisor, by email at NIETC@hq.doe.gov or by telephone at (202) 586-2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 2024, DOE published the notice in the **Federal Register** inviting input and comment from Federal and State agencies, regional entities, Tribal and local governments, the public, and other interested parties on DOE's consideration of three potential NIETCs (89 FR 101597). In that notice, DOE identified certain programmatic and engagement topics on which it seeks input. The notice set a comment period deadline of February 14, 2025.

In response to feedback received and requests to provide additional time to comment, DOE is reopening the public comment period until April 15, 2025. DOE anticipates that reopening the public comment period will enable additional stakeholders to submit valuable feedback in response to the notice.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on March 27, 2025, by Nick Elliot, Director, Grid Deployment Office, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on March 28, 2025.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 7189-015]

Green Lake Water Power Company; Notice of Revised Procedural Schedule for Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Project Relicense

On March 31, 2022, Green Lake Water Power Company (Green Lake Power) filed an application for a subsequent license to continue to operate and maintain the 425-kilowatt Green Lake Hydroelectric Project No. 7189 (Green Lake Project). On May 31, 2023, Commission staff issued a notice of intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of relicensing the Green Lake Project. The notice included an anticipated schedule for issuing the EA. By notices issued April 11, 2024, June 4, 2024, September 30, 2024, and January 30, 2025, staff revised the procedural schedule for completing the EA.

Staff is still evaluating the effects of relicensing the Green Lake Project. In order for staff to fully consider all the information filed by Green Lake Power, the procedural schedule for completing the EA is being revised as follows. Further revisions to the schedule may be made as appropriate.

| Milestone | Target Date |
|----------------|-------------|
| Issue EA | April 2025. |

Any questions regarding this notice may be directed to Amanda Gill at (202) 502-6773, or by email at amanda.gill@ferc.gov.

Dated: March 27, 2025.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,
Secretary.

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[Docket No. CP25-156-000]

Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization and Establishing Intervention and Protest Deadline

Take notice that on March 20, 2025, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc. (Southern Star), 4700 State Route 56 Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, filed in the above referenced docket, a prior notice request pursuant to sections 157.205 and 157.208 of the Commission's regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and Southern Star's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000, for authorization to increase the maximum allowable operating pressure on Southern Star's Line DLA from 260 psig to 500 psig (MAOP Uprate Project or Project). All of Line DLA is located in Johnson County, Kansas. The project will allow Southern Star to provide adequate pressure for the running of inline inspection tools for safety, maintenance, and integrity purposes. Since no new facilities are required to accomplish the uprate¹, there will be no cost associated with the Project, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to 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>).

www.ferc.gov). From the Commission's Home Page on the internet, this information is available on eLibrary. The full text of this document is available on eLibrary in PDF and Microsoft Word format for viewing, printing, and/or downloading. To access this document in eLibrary, type the docket number excluding the last three digits of this document in the docket number field.

User assistance is available for eLibrary and the Commission's website during normal business hours from FERC Online Support at (202) 502-6652 (toll free at 1-866-208-3676) or email at ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov, or the Public Reference Room at (202) 502-8371, TTY (202) 502-8659. Email the Public Reference Room at public.referenceroom@ferc.gov.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to Jennifer Matthews Manager, Regulatory, Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline, Inc., 4700 State Route 56 Owensboro, Kentucky 42301, by telephone at (270) 316-2972, or by email at jennifer.matthews@southernstar.com.

Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file a protest to the project, you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding, and you can file comments on the project. There is no fee or cost for filing protests, motions to intervene, or comments. The deadline for filing protests, motions to intervene, and comments is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 27, 2025. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, community organizations, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

Protests

Pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission's regulations under the NGA,² any person³ or the Commission's staff may file a protest to the request. If

no protest is filed within the time allowed or if a protest is filed and then withdrawn within 30 days after the allowed time for filing a protest, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request for authorization will be considered by the Commission.

Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 157.205(e) of the Commission's regulations,⁴ and must be submitted by the protest deadline, which is May 27, 2025. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

Interventions

Any person has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁵ and the regulations under the NGA⁶ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is May 27, 2025. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

All timely, unopposed motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1). Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. A person obtaining party status will be

¹ Related to the MAOP Uprate Project, Southern Star will upgrade Line DLA to accommodate the use of inline inspection tools by installing a pig launcher/receiver, replacing approximately 4,500 feet of 16-inch-diameter pipeline with 12-inch-diameter pipeline, and abandoning various related facilities under the automatic authorization authority of its blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP82-479-000.

² 18 CFR 157.205.

³ Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁴ 18 CFR 157.205(e).

⁵ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁶ 18 CFR 157.10.