

k. Pursuant to section 4.32(b)(7) of 18 CFR of the Commission's regulations, if any resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person believes that an additional scientific study should be conducted in order to form an adequate factual basis for a complete analysis of the application on its merit, the resource agency, Indian Tribe, or person must file a request for a study with the Commission not later than 60 days from the date of filing of the application, and serve a copy of the request on the applicant.

l. Deadline for filing additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status: November 29, 2022.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filing. Please file additional study requests and requests for cooperating agency status using the Commission's eFiling system at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx>. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov), (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. 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, MD 20852. All filings must clearly identify the project name and docket number on the first page: Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Project (P-7186-054).

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

n. *Project Description:* The existing Sheldon Springs Hydroelectric Project consists of: (1) a 283-foot-long, 35.5-foot-high concrete overflow Ambursen-type buttress dam that includes a 262-foot-long spillway with 2-foot-high wooden flashboards and a 16-foot-long, 8-foot-high hydraulically operated flap gate; (2) an impoundment with a surface area of approximately 175 acres; (3) the Main Powerhouse containing two identical vertical Kaplan turbine-generator units with a total capacity of 20,500 kilowatts (kW); (4) the South Mill Powerhouse that includes a 1,000-kW Francis-type turbine-generator unit; (5) the Grinder Room Powerhouse that includes two Francis-type turbine-generator units with a total capacity of 3,300 kW; (6) a 165-kW Kaplan turbine-generator unit located in one of the dam's Ambursen bays; (7) two transmission lines; and (8) appurtenant facilities. The project creates an

approximately 4,700-foot-long bypassed reach of the Missisquoi River.

Missisquoi, LLC voluntarily operates the project in a run-of-river mode such that outflow from the project approximates inflow. The minimum and maximum hydraulic capacities of the powerhouses are 70 and 3,342 cubic feet per second (cfs), respectively. The average annual generation of the project was approximately 69,277 megawatt-hours from 2010 to 2020.

For the purpose of protecting aquatic resources, Article 35 of the current license requires Missisquoi, LLC to release: (1) a minimum flow of 70 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, to the bypassed reach; (2) a minimum flow of 270 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, as measured immediately below the tailrace of the South Mill Powerhouse; and (3) a minimum flow of 285 cfs or inflow, whichever is less, as measured immediately below the tailrace of the Main Powerhouse.

The applicant proposes to: (1) operate the project in a run-of-river mode; (2) release a 70-cfs minimum bypassed reach flow or inflow, whichever is less; (3) release a 285-cfs minimum flow downstream of the South Mill Powerhouse or inflow, whichever is less; (4) implement an impoundment refill procedure, in the event of a drawdown of the impoundment, whereby 90 percent of inflow is passed downstream and 10 percent of inflow is used to refill the impoundment; (5) release approximately 13 cfs over the flashboard crest from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. from May 1 to October 31; (6) develop an operation compliance monitoring plan; (7) install a 400-foot-long path from the canoe portage takeout to a public road; (8) install a two-car parking area for canoe portage; (9) improve the existing whitewater boating access points; and (10) implement erosion control measures to protect cultural resources.

o. In addition to publishing the full text of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this notice, as well as other documents in the proceeding (e.g., license application) 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

on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at [FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FEROnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/FEROnline.aspx> to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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

*Issue Deficiency Letter and Request Additional Information:* November 2022

*Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments:* February 2023

*Request Additional Information (if necessary):* March 2023

*Issue Acceptance Letter:* March 2023

*Issue Scoping Document 2 (if necessary):* April 2023

*Issue Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis:* April 2023

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: October 14, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP20-507-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Sea Robin Pipeline Company, LLC; Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on October 11, 2022, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), 2800 Post Oak Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77056, requested that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) grant an extension of time, until December 31, 2023, in order to complete abandonment activities as authorized in Transco's VR22 to Shore Abandonment Project (Project) in the March 18, 2021 Order Granting Abandonment<sup>1</sup> (March

<sup>1</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC*, 174 FERC ¶ 62,169 (2021).

18 Order). The March 18 Order, Ordering Paragraph (C) required Transco<sup>2</sup> to complete abandonment of the facilities within one year of the order date. On December 22, 2021, Transco requested an extension of time until December 31, 2022, to complete abandonment of Project facilities, that we granted on March 15, 2022.

Transco now requests an extension of time until December 31, 2023, to complete abandonment of the Project facilities. Transco states that it has completed the majority of abandonment activities but will be unable to complete the removal of approximately 14,240 feet of 24-inch-diameter pipe located in state waters. Transco avers that the contractor it selected was originally scheduled to begin removal of the pipe in state waters in July of 2022, however, delays in the remaining abandonment activities pushed the state water removals outside of their anticipated timeframe. The barges required for the removal are now unavailable through the end of November 2022. Transco asserts that seasonal weather conditions and water levels prohibit safe removal of the state water pipeline beginning December 2022. Transco states that the most favorable weather window of offshore construction activities is generally May through September of each year. Accordingly, Transco requests an extension until December 31, 2023, which it asserts will allow flexibility in scheduling around weather events that may delay abandonment activities.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Transco's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10).<sup>3</sup>

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for Natural Gas Act facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are

contested,<sup>4</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>5</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>6</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act.<sup>7</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>8</sup> The OEP Director, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically may mail similar pleadings to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Federal Energy Regulatory

Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on October 28, 2022.

Dated: October 13, 2022.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2014-0313; FRL-10128-01-ORD]

### Availability of the Draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Hexavalent Chromium

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period associated with release of the draft Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Toxicological Review of Hexavalent Chromium. The draft document was prepared by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment (CPHEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD).

EPA is releasing this draft IRIS assessment for public comment in advance of a Science Advisory Board (SAB) led peer review. SAB will convene a public meeting to discuss the draft report with the public during Step 4 of the IRIS Process. The external peer reviewers will consider public comments submitted to the EPA docket in response to this notice and any others provided at the public meeting when reviewing this document. EPA will consider all comments submitted to the docket when revising the document post-peer review. This draft assessment is not final as described in EPA's information quality guidelines, and it does not represent, and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views.

**DATES:** The 60-day public comment period begins October 20, 2022 and ends December 19, 2022. Comments must be received on or before December 19, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** The IRIS Toxicological Review of Hexavalent Chromium will be available via the internet on the *IRIS* website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>,

<sup>2</sup> Transco is the operator of the pipeline facilities proposed to be abandoned.

<sup>3</sup> Only motions to intervene from entities that were party to the underlying proceeding will be accepted. *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 39 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1) (2019).

<sup>5</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

<sup>7</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>8</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).