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related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

n. *Procedural Schedule*: Pursuant to section 5.19(d) of the Commission's regulations, the Director, Office of Energy Projects will issue an order within 30 days of the filing date of the final license application to resolve study

requests that were filed in comments on the draft license application. At this time, the application is expected to be processed according to the following preliminary Hydro Licensing Schedule. Revisions to the schedule may be made following the Director's determination on the study requests, or as otherwise appropriate.

Milestone	Target date
Notice of Acceptance/Notice of Ready for Environmental Analysis .....	October 2018.
Filing of recommendations, preliminary terms and conditions, and fishway prescriptions .....	December 2018.
Commission issues Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) .....	June 2019.
Comments on Draft EA .....	August 2019.
Modified terms and conditions .....	October 2019.
Commission issues Final EA .....	January 2020.

o. 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.

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*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-12-000]

#### Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, LLC Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project, proposed by Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America LLC (Natural) in the above-referenced docket. Natural requests authorization to abandon the Herscher Northwest Storage Field facilities with its certificated maximum inventory of 18.5 billion cubic feet (Bcf) located in Kankakee County, Illinois.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the abandonment of the Herscher Northwest Storage Field Abandonment Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action

significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

Natural proposes to abandon:

- In place 19 injection/withdrawal wells by permanently plugging and capping;
- in place 16.15 miles of 4- to 16-inch-diameter associated pipeline laterals in the storage field by capping;
- in place 13 non-jurisdictional observation wells by plugging;
- in place one non-jurisdictional salt water disposal well by plugging;
- in place approximately 15.3 Bcf of non-recoverable cushion gas;
- by removal the 330-horsepower Compressor Station 202 including its building, compressor unit, concrete piers, and concrete foundation; and
- by removal all aboveground and belowground storage field auxiliary surface facilities, including, but not limited to: Well head piping, slug catchers, water gathering system, and methanol distribution systems associated with the abandoned wells; seven tap valves; a pigging facility; and two corrosion monitors along with their associated rectifiers and ground beds.

Natural also proposes to convert the P. Cook No. 1 injection/withdrawal well to an observational well for its nearby Herscher Mount Simon Storage Field; and retain the P. Cook No. G-1 well as an observation well for its nearby Herscher Galesville Storage Field.

The FERC staff mailed copies of the EA to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the project area. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of

copies of the EA are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that the Commission has the opportunity to consider your comments prior to making its decision on this project, it is important that we receive your comments in Washington, DC on or before May 14, 2018.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket number (CP18-12-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You can also file your comments electronically using the eFiling feature on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on eRegister. You must select the type of filing you are making. If you are filing a comment on a particular

project, please select Comment on a Filing; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214).<sup>1</sup> Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing of the Commission's decision. The Commission grants affected landowners and others with environmental concerns intervenor status upon showing good cause by stating that they have a clear and direct interest in this proceeding which no other party can adequately represent. Simply filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered.

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](http://www.ferc.gov)) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search, and enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP18-12). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. 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/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD18-5-000]

#### Notice Requesting Questions and Comments on Fiscal Year 2017 Other Federal Agency Cost Submissions; Review of Cost Submittals by Other Federal Agencies for Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act

In its *Order On Rehearing Consolidating Administrative Annual Charges Bill Appeals And Modifying Annual Charges Billing Procedures*, 109 FERC 61,040 (2004) (October 8 Order) the Commission set forth an annual process for Other Federal Agencies (OFAs) to submit their costs related to Administering Part I of the Federal Power Act. Pursuant to the established process the Chief of Revenue and Receivables, Financial Management Division, Office of the Executive Director, on October 5, 2017, issued a letter requesting the OFAs to submit their costs by December 31, 2017 using the OFA Cost Submission Form.

Upon receipt of the agency submissions, the Commission posted the information in eLibrary, and issued, on March 7, 2018, a notice announcing the date for a technical conference to review the submitted costs. On March 27, 2018 the Commission held the technical conference. Technical conference transcripts, submitted cost forms, and detailed supporting documents are all available for review under Docket No. AD18-5. These documents are accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and are available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC.

Interested parties may file specific questions and comments on the FY 2017 OFA cost submissions with the Commission under Docket No. AD18-5, no later than April 26, 2018. Once filed, the Commission will forward the questions and comments to the OFAs for response.

Anyone with questions pertaining to the technical conference or this notice should contact Raven A. Rodriguez at (202) 502-6276 (via email at [raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov](mailto:raven.rodriguez@ferc.gov)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. IC18-7-000]

#### Commission Information Collection Activities (FERC-725L); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE.

**ACTION:** Comment request.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) is submitting the FERC-725L (Mandatory Reliability Standards for the Bulk-Power System: MOD Reliability Standards) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review of the information collection requirements. Any interested person may file comments directly with OMB and should address a copy of those comments to the Commission as explained below. The Commission previously issued a Notice in the **Federal Register** requesting public comments. The Commission received no comments on the FERC-725L and is making this notation in its submittal to OMB.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection of information are due by May 18, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments filed with OMB, identified by the OMB Control No. 1902-0261, should be sent via email to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs: [oira\\_submission@omb.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.gov). Attention: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Desk Officer. The Desk Officer may also be reached via telephone at 202-395-8528.

A copy of the comments should also be sent to the Commission, in Docket No. IC18-7-000, by either of the following methods:

- *eFiling at Commission's website:* <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling.asp>.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Secretary of the Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

**Instructions:** All submissions must be formatted and filed in accordance with submission guidelines at: <http://www.ferc.gov/help/submission-guide.asp>. For user assistance contact FERC Online Support by email at [ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov](mailto:ferconlinesupport@ferc.gov), or by phone at: (866) 208-3676 (toll-free), or (202) 502-8659 for TTY.

**Docket:** Users interested in receiving automatic notification of activity in this

<sup>1</sup> See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.