

analysis of the cumulative air quality impacts specific to the Project's nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) and particles with an aerodynamic diameter of less than or equal to 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}) emissions, for the purpose of conducting additional environmental review in light of an opinion issued by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.⁵ This final supplemental EIS was prepared to assess these issues as part of the Commission's consideration of a further merits order for the Project.

The Commission mailed a copy of the "Notice of Availability" 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. The final supplemental EIS is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the 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 supplemental EIS may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the 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 (i.e., CP22–21 or CP22–22). 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.

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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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP25–94–000]

Rockies Express Pipeline LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Decatur Lateral Project

On February 28, 2025, Rockies Express Pipeline LLC (Rockies Express), filed an application in Docket No. CP25–94–000 requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act to construct and operate certain natural gas pipeline facilities. The proposed project is known as the Decatur Lateral Project and would provide about 185 million standard cubic feet of natural gas per day to Archer Daniels Midland and the Broadwing Clean Energy Complex.

On March 12, 2025, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) issued its Notice of Application for the Project. Among other things, that notice alerted agencies issuing federal authorizations of the requirement to complete all necessary reviews and to reach a final decision on a request for a Federal authorization within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's environmental document for the Project.

This notice identifies Commission staff's intention to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for the Project and the planned schedule for the completion of the environmental review.¹ The EA will be issued for a 30-day comment period.

¹ For tracking purposes under the National Environmental Policy Act, the unique identification number for documents relating to this

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—December 12, 2025
90-day Federal Authorization Decision
Deadline²—March 12, 2026

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

Project Description

Rockies Express proposes to construct and operate a 15.9-mile, 20-inch-diameter natural gas transmission lateral pipeline and a 0.8-mile, 20-inch-diameter spur pipeline that would connect its mainline, which runs south of Decatur, IL, to two facilities in Decatur. Rockies Express would also construct numerous associated facilities including meter stations, valves, and inspection tool launching/receiving facilities.

Background

On April 11, 2025, the Commission issued a "Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues and Notice of On-site Environmental Review for the Proposed Decatur Lateral Project" (Notice of Scoping). The Notice of Scoping was sent to affected landowners; Federal, State, and local government agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. The Commission did not receive any comments in response to the Notice of Scoping; however, prior to its issuance, the Commission received environmental comments from the Illinois Farm Bureau and from one individual. The primary issues raised in the comments concern agricultural practices, specifically a request that FERC require Rockies Express to enter into an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and that Rockies Express file for a permit with the Illinois Department of Transportation. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

Additional Information

To receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of formal

environmental review is EAXX–019–20–000–1746098263.

² The Commission's deadline applies to the decisions of other Federal agencies, and State agencies acting under federally delegated authority, that are responsible for Federal authorizations, permits, and other approvals necessary for proposed projects under the Natural Gas Act. Per 18 CFR 157.22(a), the Commission's deadline for other agency's decisions applies unless a schedule is otherwise established by Federal law.

⁵ See *Healthy Gulf v. FERC*, 107 F.4th 1033 (D.C. Cir. 2024).

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(i.e., CP25-94), 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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Goleta Water District; Notice of Preliminary Determination of a Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and Soliciting Comments and Motions To Intervene

On May 6, 2025, Goleta Water District filed a notice of intent to construct a

qualifying conduit hydropower facility, pursuant to section 30 of the Federal Power Act (FPA). The proposed Ellwood Hydroelectric Energy Recovery Project would have an installed capacity of 56 kilowatts (kW) and would be located in Goleta, Santa Barbara County, California.

Applicant Contact: Gregg Semler, InPipe Energy, 830 NE Holladay St., Portland, OR 97232, 503-341-0004, gregg@inpipeenergy.com.

FERC Contact: Christopher Chaney, 202-502-6778, christopher.chaney@ferc.gov.

Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility Description: The project would consist of: (1) one pump as turbine generating unit with a capacity of 56 kW and (2) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of approximately 214 megawatt-hours.

A qualifying conduit hydropower facility is one that is determined or deemed to meet all the criteria shown in the table below.

TABLE 1—CRITERIA FOR QUALIFYING CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY

Statutory provision	Description	Satisfies (Y/N)
FPA 30(a)(3)(A)	The conduit the facility uses is a tunnel, canal, pipeline, aqueduct, flume, ditch, or similar manmade water conveyance that is operated for the distribution of water for agricultural, municipal, or industrial consumption and not primarily for the generation of electricity.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(i)	The facility is constructed, operated, or maintained for the generation of electric power and uses for such generation only the hydroelectric potential of a non-federally owned conduit.	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(ii)	The facility has an installed capacity that does not exceed 40 megawatts	Y
FPA 30(a)(3)(C)(iii)	On or before August 9, 2013, the facility is not licensed, or exempted from the licensing requirements of Part I of the FPA.	Y

Preliminary Determination: The proposed Ellwood Hydroelectric Energy Recovery Project will not alter the primary purpose of the conduit, which is for municipal use. Therefore, based upon the above criteria, Commission staff preliminarily determines that the operation of the project described above satisfies the requirements for a qualifying conduit hydropower facility, which is not required to be licensed or exempted from licensing.

Comments and Motions to Intervene: Deadline for filing comments, comments contesting whether the facility meets the qualifying criteria, and motions to intervene: June 9, 2025.

Anyone may submit comments or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210 and 385.214. Any motions to intervene must

be received on or before the specified deadline date for the particular proceeding.

Filing and Service of Responsive Documents: All filings must (1) bear in all capital letters the "COMMENTS," "COMMENTS CONTESTING QUALIFICATION FOR A CONDUIT HYDROPOWER FACILITY," or "MOTION TO INTERVENE," as applicable; (2) state in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person filing; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of sections 385.2001 through 385.2005 of the Commission's regulations.¹ All comments contesting Commission staff's

¹ 18 CFR 385.2001-2005 (2024).

preliminary determination that the facility meets the qualifying criteria must set forth their evidentiary basis.

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