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Dated: January 17, 2018.

**Sarah Brabson,**

*NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of opportunities to submit public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) has announced its annual preseason management process for the 2018 ocean salmon fisheries. This notice informs the public of opportunities to provide comments on the 2018 ocean salmon management measures.

**DATES:** Written comments on the salmon management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council at its March 2018 meeting, and described in Preseason Report II, received electronically or in hard copy by 5 p.m. Pacific Time, March 30, 2018, will be considered in the Pacific Council's final recommendation for the 2018 management measures.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents will be available from Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384, and posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. You may submit comments, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113, by any one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0113>, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.
- **Mail:** Mr. Phil Anderson, Chair, Pacific Fishery Management Council,

7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

• **Fax:** 503-820-2299, Attn: Ms. Robin Ehlke.

• Comments can also be submitted via email to [PFMC.comments@noaa.gov](mailto:PFMC.comments@noaa.gov).

**Instructions:** Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual may not be considered by NMFS or the Pacific Council. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS and the Pacific Council will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Robin Ehlke, Pacific Council, telephone: 503-820-2280. For information on submitting comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking portal, contact Peggy Mundy, NMFS West Coast Region, telephone: 206-526-4323; email: [peggy.mundy@noaa.gov](mailto:peggy.mundy@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Pacific Council has published its annual notice of availability of reports, public meetings, and hearings for the 2018 ocean salmon fisheries (82 FR 61268, December 27, 2017). The Pacific Council will adopt alternatives for 2018 ocean salmon fisheries at its March 8-14, 2018, meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Sonoma, Rohnert Park, CA. Details of this meeting are available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) and will be published in the **Federal Register** in February 2018. On March 22, 2018, "Preseason Report II—Proposed Alternatives and Environmental Assessment Part 2 for 2018 Ocean Salmon Fishery Regulations" is scheduled to be posted on the Pacific Council website at <http://www.pcouncil.org>. The report will include a description of the salmon management alternatives and a summary of their biological and economic impacts. Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery management alternatives adopted by the Pacific Council. Written comments received at the public hearings and a summary of oral comments at the hearings will be provided to the Pacific Council at its April meeting.

All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. at the following locations:

- March 26, 2018: Chateau Westport, Fremont Room, 710 West Hancock, Westport, WA 98595, telephone 360-268-9101.

- March 26, 2018: Red Lion Hotel, South Umpqua Room, 1313 North Bayshore Drive, Coos Bay, OR 97420, telephone 541-267-4141.

- March 27, 2018: Laurel Inn & Conference Center, 801 West Laurel Drive, Salinas, CA 93906, telephone: 831-449-2474.

Comments on the alternatives the Pacific Council adopts at its March 2018 meeting, and described in Preseason Report II, may be submitted in writing or electronically as described under **ADDRESSES**, or verbally or in writing at any of the public hearings held on March 26-27, 2018, or at the Pacific Council's meeting, April 5-11, 2018, at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, in Portland, OR. Details of these meetings will be available on the Pacific Council's website (<http://www.pcouncil.org>) and will be published in the **Federal Register**. Written and electronically submitted comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Time, March 30, 2018, in order to be included in the briefing book for the April Council meeting where they will be considered in the adoption of the Pacific Council's final recommendation for the 2018 salmon fishery management measures. All comments received accordingly will be reviewed and considered by the Pacific Council and NMFS.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 17, 2018.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR18-10-000]

#### Powder River Crude Services, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on January 10, 2018, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2) (2017), Powder River Crude Services, LLC (Petitioner), filed a petition for a declaratory order seeking Commission approval of the rate framework, gathering agreements, and open season process that support a new crude and

gathering system in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming, all as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest this filing must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

This filing is accessible on-line at <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the eLibrary link and is available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the website that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov), or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

**Comment Date:** 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 9, 2018.

Dated: January 17, 2018.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP17-490-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Rivervale South to Market Project

On August 31, 2017, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) filed an application in Docket No. CP17-490-000 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 entirely within New Jersey. The proposed project is known as the Rivervale South to Market Project (Project), and would enable Transco to provide an additional 190 million cubic feet (MMcf) per day of firm transportation service to meet supply needs for the 2019/2020 winter heating season.

On September 15, 2017, 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 Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA—March 16, 2018  
90-day Federal Authorization Decision  
Deadline—June 14, 2018

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

Transco proposes to construct, modify, upgrade, and operate various facilities in connection with its proposed Rivervale South to Market Project in Bergen, Hudson, and Union Counties, New Jersey. According to Transco, the Project would increase the firm delivery transportation capacity of its existing pipeline system by 190 MMcf per day of natural gas from the Rivervale interconnection to existing Compressor Station 210 in Mercer County and the Central Manhattan meter and regulation station (M&R) station in Hudson County. The Compressor Station 210 pooling point would receive 140 MMcf, and the Central Manhattan M&R would receive 50 MMcf.

The Project would consist of the following facilities:

- Construct 0.61 mile of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop<sup>1</sup> along Transco's Mainline A, from mileposts 1825.80 to 1826.41 (Bergen County);
- upgrade 10.35 miles of the existing 24-inch-diameter North New Jersey

<sup>1</sup> A loop is a segment of pipe that is usually installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. The loop allows more gas to be moved through the system.

Extension from the Paramus M&R station (Bergen County) to the Orange and Rockland M&R station (Bergen County). The North New Jersey Extension would be upgraded from a maximum allowable operating pressure of 650 pounds per square inch gauge ("psig") to 812 psig;

- upgrade the existing valves, including overpressure protection valves, and yard piping, and related activities at the Paramus, Central Manhattan, Orange and Rockland, and Emerson M&R stations; and
- construct additional facilities, such as mainline valves, cathodic protection, internal inspection device (pig<sup>2</sup>) launchers and receivers, and communication equipment.

#### Background

On October 19, 2017, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Rivervale South to Market Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI 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. In response to the NOI, the Commission received comments from the Borough of Emerson, New Jersey; the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Food & Water Watch; and the New Jersey Sierra Club. Additionally, in response to the Notice of Application, the Commission received comments from the Hackensack Riverkeeper. The primary issues raised by the commentors are impacts on drinking water, wetlands, and wildlife; the necessity of the Project; pipeline safety; pollution prevention practices; the continued reliance on fossil fuels; long-term environmental impacts; improper segmentation; evaluation of cumulative, indirect, and secondary impacts; environmental impacts from increased shale gas development; evaluation of alternatives, including those outside FERC's jurisdiction; climate change; environmental justice; and the need for an Environmental Impact Statement.

#### Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This

<sup>2</sup> A pig is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.