

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. EL16–19–000]

ISO New England Inc. Participating Transmission Owners Administrative Committee: Emera Maine; Town of Braintree Electric Light Department; NSTAR Electric Company; Chicopee Electric Light Department; Central Maine Power Company; Maine Electric Power Company (MEPCO); Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative & Connecticut Transmission Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative; The City of Holyoke Gas and Electric Department; New Hampshire Transmission, LLC; Green Mountain Power Corporation; Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company; New England Power Company, d/b/a National Grid; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Eversource Energy Service Company as agent for: The Connecticut Light and Power Company, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and Public Service Company of New Hampshire; Town of Hudson Light and Power Department; Town of Middleborough Gas & Electric Department; Town of Norwood Municipal Light Department; Town of Reading Municipal Light Department; Town of Wallingford (CT) Electric Division; Taunton Municipal Lighting Plant; The United Illuminating Company; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company; Vermont Electric Cooperative, Inc.; Vermont Electric Power Company, Inc. and Vermont Transco, LLC; Vermont Public Power Supply Authority; Shrewsbury Electric and Cable Operations

Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On December 28, 2015, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL16–19–000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e (2012), instituting an investigation into the justness and reasonableness of ISO-New England, Inc. Participating Transmission Owners' Regional Network Service and Local Network Service formula rates. *ISO-New England, Inc. Participating Transmission Owners Administrative Committee*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,343 (2015).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL16–19–000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 28, 2015.
Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,
Deputy Secretary.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP15–91–000]

**East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC;
 Notice of Availability of the
 Environmental Assessment for the
 Proposed Loudon Expansion Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Loudon Expansion Project, proposed by East Tennessee Natural Gas, LLC (East Tennessee) in the above-referenced docket. East Tennessee requests authorization to construct, own, and operate a new pipeline, new mainline valve, and new meter station in Monroe and Loudon Counties, Tennessee and install a pressure regulator at an existing meter station in Loudon County. The Loudon Expansion Project would provide up to 40,000 Dekatherms per day of firm transportation service Tate & Lyle Americas Ingredients, LLC for its new natural gas fueled combined cycle electric power plant at its manufacturing facility in Loudon County.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Loudon Expansion 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.

The proposed Loudon Expansion Project includes the following facilities:

- 10.2 miles of new 12-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline from East Tennessee's existing 3200 mainline in Monroe County, Tennessee to the Tate & Lyle in Loudon County, Tennessee;
- one 12-inch mainline valve, two 12-inch tee taps, above- and below-ground piping, and a pig launcher barrel in Monroe County;
- one new meter facility, above- and below-ground piping, flow measurement and control equipment, a filter/separator, a pig receiver barrel, aboveground valve operators for below

ground valves, blowdowns, and a condensate tank in Loudon County; and

- a pressure regulator at existing Meter Station 59039 on its Loudon-Lenoir City Lateral Line 3218D–100 in Loudon County.

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; newspapers and libraries in the project area; and parties to this proceeding. In addition, the EA is available for public viewing on the FERC's Web site (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 January 27, 2016.

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 (CP15–91–000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov.

(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission's Web site (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 Web site (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).¹ 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 Web site (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.*, CP15–91). 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. 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.

Dated: December 28, 2015.

Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16–37–000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Prior Notice Request Under Blanket Authorization

Take notice that on November 30, 2015, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel) filed in Docket No. CP16–37–000, and pursuant to Sections 7 (b) & (c) of the Natural Gas Act, Part 157 of the regulations of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) and its blanket certificate authority granted in Docket No. CP83–4–000, a prior notice application requesting authorization to; (i) Construct and operate a new 4,140 hp compressor station to be known as Keelor Compressor Station in McKean County, Pennsylvania; (ii) perform modifications at Bowen Compressor Station in Elk County, Pennsylvania, including the abandonment of 650 ft. of pipe; and (iii) perform modifications at Roystone Compressor Station, in Warren County, Pennsylvania, including installation of 750 ft of 12-inch pipe. The project is estimated to cost \$27.9 million.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to: Kenneth E. Webster, Attorney, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation, 6363 Main Street Williamsville, New York, 14221–5887, at (716) 857–7067 or by email at websterk@natfuel.com.

Any person may, within 60 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission’s Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention. Any person filing to intervene or the Commission’s staff may, pursuant to section 157.205 of the Commission’s Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.205) file a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, 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 shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

National Fuel seeks authorization of this proposed Project to; (1) Increased capacity on National Fuel’s existing Line D system by 77,500 Dekatherm per day, by increasing the operating pressure of Line AM60 and Line D, in order to provide firm transportation service to the Erie and Warren,

Pennsylvania markets area from TGP at Lamont and to ensure that all existing storage withdrawal obligations can reliably be met, this will be accomplished by the installation of three-1,380 hp compressor stations (4,140 total hp) two of the three new compressor units at Keelor compressor station will be used to withdraw gas from the Keelor Storage Field and deliver such gas into Line AM60 (which is referred to as Line D west of the Roystone Compressor Station), the third compressor unit will be used to increase the pressure of gas withdrawn from National Fuel’s East Branch and Swede Hill Storage Fields (2) to allow National Fuel to flow increased receipts from Tennessee Gas Pipeline, LLC (TGP) at Lamont and/or gas from Line K South of Bowen compressor station, through the Bowen compressor station, into Line K north of Bowen compressor station, and ultimately to Line AM60 and Line D, at sufficient pressure to allow the incremental volumes subscribed for by the Project shippers to reach the Erie and Warren, Pennsylvania markets, (3) to allow National Fuel to flow increased receipts from TGP at Lamont and/or gas from Line K south of Bowen compressor station, through the Bowen compressor station, into Line K north of Bowen compressor station, and ultimately to Line AM60 and Line D, at sufficient pressure to allow the incremental volumes subscribed for by the Project shippers to reach the Erie and Warren, Pennsylvania markets. The purpose of the proposed Roystone compressor station modification is to allow gas withdrawn from East Branch and Swede Hill storage fields, and first compressed and dehydrated by the Roystone compressor station, to reach the proposed Keelor compressor station for further compression up to the increased system maximum operating pressure of Line D of 720 psig. The Project, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection. The filing may also be viewed on the web at <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. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208–3676 or TTY, (202) 502–8659.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission’s rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission’s public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or

¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.