

To Know?” is available for viewing on the FERC Web site (www.ferc.gov). This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to participate in the Commission’s proceedings.

Public Participation

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or efiling@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.

(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 file your comments electronically by 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*.” If you are filing a comment on a particular project, please select “Comment on a Filing” as the filing type; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address. Be sure to reference the Project docket number (CP17–40–000) with your submission: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.

Summary of the Route Alternative

Spire has identified a new pipeline route alternative due to uncertainty associated with the purchase and conversion, from local distribution to interstate transport, of existing Line 880. The route alternative would consist of 6.5 miles of new (“greenfield”) 24-inch-diameter pipeline, and would have similar start and end points as the existing Line 880; however, the alternative would follow a slightly different route. The alternative would extend south from the proposed Leclde/Lange Delivery Station for 1 mile, then turn southeast (crossing Line 880 near MP 1.75) for about 3.5 miles before turning south again for about 1.8 miles, where it then turns east for the terminus at the proposed MRT Bi-directional Station. The general location

of the proposed and alternative Project facilities is shown in appendix 1.¹

Spire indicates that it intends to use Line 880, as currently proposed, if that system is available. However, if Line 880 does not become available for use by Spire, and the route alternative were to be incorporated, the proposed modifications to the existing Line 880 and to the exiting Redman Delivery Station would not be necessary.

Land Requirements for Construction

The route alternative would be collocated for about 1.7 miles (26 percent) of the route. The land use types crossed by the alternative would be similar to those impacted by the proposed route; however, since the alternative would be a new, greenfield route, the total impacts would be greater: 71.4 acres during construction (as compared to 8.0 acres for the proposed use of existing Line 880) and 39.6 acres during operation (as compared to 0.4 acre).

The EA Process

The FERC process used for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and for evaluating environmental impacts is described in more detail in the original NOI issued for the Project. That NOI can be viewed on the FERC Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Using the “eLibrary” link, select “Advanced Search” from the eLibrary menu and enter 20161026–3066 in the “Numbers: Accession Number” field.

As noted in the original NOI, copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an “intervenor” which is an official party to the Commission’s proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission’s final ruling.

¹ The appendices referenced in this notice will not appear in the **Federal Register**. Copies of the appendices were sent to all those receiving this notice in the mail and are available at www.ferc.gov using the link called “eLibrary” or from the Commission’s Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, or call (202) 502–8371. For instructions on connecting to eLibrary, refer to the last page of this notice.

An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the “Document-less Intervention Guide” under the “e-filing” link on the Commission’s Web site. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

Additional Information

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., CP17–40). 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.

Finally, public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission’s calendar located at www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx along with other related information.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP16–478–000]

Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed St. Charles Parish Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an

environmental assessment (EA) for the St. Charles Parish Expansion Project, proposed by Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP (Gulf South) in the above-referenced docket. Gulf South requests authorization to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline and compression facilities in St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana.

The proposed Project involves constructing and operating a new 5,000-horsepower compressor station, the Montz Compressor Station, and 900 feet of new 16-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline and other auxiliary appurtenant facilities. The Project would provide pressure management between Gulf South's existing 24-inch-diameter Index 270 pipeline and its existing 16-inch-diameter Index 270–94 lateral. The Project would allow Gulf South to provide up to about 0.13 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas to Entergy Louisiana, LLC's proposed natural gas-fired power plant in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

This EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. Through scoping and analysis of environmental information provided by Gulf South, the FERC staff concluded that the Project would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and that an EA is the appropriate NEPA format for consideration and disclosure of Project impacts.

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 April 3, 2017.

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 (CP16–478–000) 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.

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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.

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

number excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP16–478). 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.

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Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Grady Wind Energy Center, LLC; Innovative Solar 42, LLC; Notice of Effectiveness of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status

Take notice that during the month of February 2017, the status of the above-captioned entities as Exempt Wholesale Generators became effective by operation of the Commission's regulations. 18 CFR 366.7(a) (2017).

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