

exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country, pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7172(f)). Such exports require authorization under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On December 2, 2020, NRGPML filed an application with DOE (Application or App.) for renewal of its authorization to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada for a term of five years. NRGPML states that it “is a Delaware limited liability company with a principal place of business in Princeton, New Jersey.” App. at 2. NRGPML further represents that it “is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NRG Energy, Inc.” *Id.* at 3. NRGPML adds that it “does not own or any electric generation or transmission facilities, nor does it hold a franchise or service territory for the transmission, distribution, or sale of electricity.” *Id.* at 4.

NRGPML further states that it “will purchase the electricity that it may export, on either a firm or an interruptible basis, from wholesale generators, electric utilities, federal power marketing agencies and affiliates through negotiated agreements that have been voluntarily executed by the selling parties after considering their own need for any such electricity.” App. at 5. NRGPML contends that its proposed exports “will not impair or tend to impede the sufficiency of electric power supplies in the United States or the regional coordination of electric utility planning or operations.” *Id.* at 5–6.

NRGPML states that “as a power marketer that does not own or operate a transmission system . . . , [it] does not have the ability to cause a violation of the terms and conditions in the existing authorizations associated with international transmission facilities.” App. at 6. NRGPML also represents that it “will comply with such requirements as may be imposed by the Department on other power marketers with blanket electricity export authorization.” *Id.* at 8.

The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by the Applicant have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate for open access transmission by third parties.

Procedural Matters: Any person desiring to be heard in this proceeding should file a comment or protest to the Application at the address provided above. Protests should be filed in

accordance with Rule 211 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211). Any person desiring to become a party to this proceeding should file a motion to intervene at the above address in accordance with FERC Rule 214 (18 CFR 385.214).

Comments and other filings concerning NRGPML’s application to export electric energy to Canada should be clearly marked with OE Docket No. EA–220–D. Additional copies are to be provided directly to Justin Gilli, 804 Carnegie Center, Princeton, NJ 08540, Justin.Gilli@nrg.com; Catherine Krupka, 700 Sixth St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001–3980, catherinekrupka@eversheds-sutherland.com; and Allison E. Speaker, 700 Sixth St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001–3980, allisonspeaker@eversheds-sutherland.com.

A final decision will be made on the Application after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to DOE’s National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures (10 CFR part 1021) and after DOE determines that the proposed action will not have an adverse impact on the sufficiency of supply or reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of the Application will be made available, upon request, by accessing the program website at <http://energy.gov/node/11845>, or by emailing Matthew Aronoff at matthew.aronoff@hq.doe.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 9, 2020.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: EIA invites public comment on the proposed three year extension, without changes, of Form EIA–111 *Quarterly Electricity Imports and Exports Report*, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Form EIA–111 collects information on U.S.

imports and exports of electricity. Data are used to obtain estimates on the flows of electricity into and out of the United States.

DATES: EIA must receive all comments on this proposed information collection no later than February 16, 2021. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed in **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may only be sent electronically by email to EIA111@eia.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tosha Beckford at (202) 287–6597 or by email at tosha.beckford@eia.gov. The form and instructions are available at <http://www.eia.gov/survey/changes/electricity/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

- (1) *OMB No.:* 1905–0208;
- (2) *Information Collection Request Title:* Quarterly Electricity Imports and Exports Report;
- (3) *Type of Request:* Three year extension without change;
- (4) *Purpose:* Form EIA–111 collects U.S. electricity import and export data on a quarterly basis. The data are used to measure the flow of electricity into and out of the United States. The import and export data are reported by U.S. purchasers, sellers and transmitters of wholesale electricity, including persons authorized by Order to export electric energy from the United States to foreign countries, persons authorized by Presidential Permit to construct, operate, maintain, or connect electric power transmission lines that cross the U.S. international border, and U.S. Balancing Authorities that are directly interconnected with foreign Balancing Authorities. Such entities report monthly flows of electric energy received or delivered across the border, the cost associated with the transactions, and actual and implemented interchange.
- (4a) *Proposed Changes to Information Collection:* No changes;
- (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents:* 180;
- (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses:* 720;
- (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours:* 1080;
- (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden:* \$86,551 (1,080 burden hours times \$80.14 per hour). EIA estimates that respondents will have no additional costs associated with the surveys other than the burden hours and the maintenance of the information as part of the normal course of business.

Comments are invited on whether or not: (a) The proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions, including whether the information will have a practical utility; (b) EIA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used, is accurate; (c) EIA can improve the quality, utility, and clarity of the information it will collect; and (d) EIA can minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, such as automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Statutory Authority: 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*

Signed in Washington, DC, on December 9, 2020.

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Director, Office of Statistical Methods & Research, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP21-6-000]

Spire Storage West, LLC; Notice of Schedule for the Preparation of an Environmental Assessment for the Clear Creek Expansion Project

On October 9, 2020, Spire Storage West, LLC (Spire Storage) filed an application in Docket No. CP21-6-000 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 Clear Creek Expansion Project (Project), and would expand Spire Storage's natural gas storage facilities in Uinta County, Wyoming in order to increase the certificated gas capacities from 4.0 billion cubic feet (Bcf) to 20 Bcf, and increase the maximum daily injection and withdrawal capacities from 35 million cubic feet (MMcf) and 50 MMcf per day, to 350 MMcf and 500 MMcf per day, respectively.

On October 22, 2020, 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

Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA May 13, 2021
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline August 11, 2021

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

The Clear Creek Expansion Project would consist of the following facilities in Uinta County, Wyoming:

- Four compressor units at the Clear Creek Plant;
- a tank storage and natural gas liquids fueling equipment facility on an existing pad;
- 11 new injection/withdrawal wells, one new water disposal well, and associated lines;
- approximately 10.6 miles of 20-inch-diameter pipeline;
- approximately 3.5 miles of 4,160-volt powerline; and
- other related appurtenances.

Background

On November 9, 2020, the Commission issued a *Notice of Scoping Period Requesting Comments on Environmental Issues for the Proposed Clear Creek Expansion 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. In response to the Notice of Scoping, the Commission received comments from the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality. The primary issues raised by the commenter are permitting, stream crossings, wetland impacts, and spill reporting. All substantive comments will be addressed in the EA.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is a cooperating agency in the preparation of the EA.

Additional Information

In order to receive notification of the issuance of the EA and to keep track of

formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. This service provides automatic notification of filings made to subscribed dockets, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

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, select "General Search" from the eLibrary menu, enter the selected date range and "Docket Number" excluding the last three digits (*i.e.*, CP21-6), 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.

Dated: December 9, 2020.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

The following notice of meeting is published pursuant to section 3(a) of the government in the Sunshine Act (Pub. L. 94-409), 5 U.S.C. 552b:

AGENCY HOLDING MEETING: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

TIME AND DATE: December 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.

PLACE: Open to the public via audio Webcast only.¹

STATUS: OPEN.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Agenda, * NOTE—Items listed on the agenda may be deleted without further notice.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Telephone (202) 502-8400.

For a recorded message listing items struck from or added to the meeting, call (202) 502-8627.

This is a list of matters to be considered by the Commission. It does not include a listing of all documents

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