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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Anr Pipeline Company

Docket No. Cp17-9-000

**Notice of Availability of the
Environmental Assessment for the Proposed
Wisconsin South Expansion Project**

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission or FERC) prepared this environmental assessment (EA) to assess the environmental effects of the Wisconsin South Expansion Project (Project) involving replacement and expansion of existing aboveground facilities by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in the area west and southwest of Lake Michigan. The Project would enable ANR to expand delivery by 230,950 dekatherm per day (Dth/d) into the Northern Illinois and Wisconsin market areas to meet growing natural gas demand.

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

ANR proposes to install one new 6,130-horsepower (HP) Solar Centaur 50 compressor unit at ANR's existing Sandwich Compressor Station in Kendall County,

Illinois; increase capacity of the existing Hampshire Meter Station in Kane County, Illinois from the current 320 million cubic feet per day (MMCFD) to 500 MMCFD; abandon by removal the existing 0.54-mile-long 16-inch-diameter Line 332 Lateral located in Kane County, Illinois, and replaced in the same ditch with a new 24-inch-diameter pipeline to increase flow capacity from the Hampshire Meter Station to Nicor; increase the capacity of ANR's existing Tiffany East Meter Station in Rock County, Wisconsin from the current 118 MMCFD to 237 MMCFD; and re-stage an existing Saturn 10 turbine compressor unit at ANR's Kewaskum Compressor Station in Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

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 website (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

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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 **May 30, 2017**.

For your convenience, there are three methods in which you can use to file your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the project docket

numbers (CP17-9-000) with your submission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

- (1) You may file your comments electronically using the [eComment](#) feature on the Commission's website (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 may also file your comments electronically using the [eFiling](#) feature on the Commission's website (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 may file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address:

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

888 First St., 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 website (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., CP17-9-000). 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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¹ See the previous discussion on the methods for filing comments.

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Dated: April 27, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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