



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP23-523-000]

ANR Pipeline Company; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Oak Grove Enhancement Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Oak Grove Enhancement Project (Project) proposed by ANR Pipeline Company (ANR) in Docket No. CP23-523-000. ANR requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity pursuant to section 7(c) and Authorization pursuant to section 7(b) of the Natural Gas Act to construct, operate, and abandon certain natural gas pipeline facilities in Richland and West Carroll Parishes, Louisiana. The proposed Project would include construction of 34.1 miles of new 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline to replace 33.6 miles of existing 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline. According to ANR, its project would improve the integrity and reliability of ANR's system by replacing vintage pipeline facilities installed in the 1950's with new pipeline facilities.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the 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 Project would consist of the following facilities:

- installation of 34.1 miles of new 30-inch-diameter segment of natural gas pipeline,

which will begin at ANR's existing Delhi Compressor Station (CS) in Richland Parish, Louisiana and primarily parallel the existing Line 0-501, 1-501, and 2-501 pipelines before the new segment ties into the existing route just south of State Route 586 in West Carroll Parish, Louisiana.

- Abandonment in place and by removal of 33.6 miles of existing 30-inch-diameter natural gas pipeline, which begins at ANR's existing Delhi CS in Richland Parish and terminates just south of State Route 586 in West Carroll Parish. Approximately one percent (0.25 mile) of the existing Line 0-501 segment would be abandoned by removal, while the remaining existing pipeline segments (totaling 33.35 miles) would be abandoned in place.
- Replacement, modification, and installation of mainline valves and tie-ins at existing ANR aboveground facilities.

The Project would not increase or reduce service to any existing ANR customer and no changes to system capacity are proposed. ANR's Project design would allow the existing segment to remain in operation until the replacement pipeline is placed into service.

The Commission mailed a copy of the *Notice of Availability* 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; and newspapers and a library in the Project area. The EA is only available in electronic format. It may be viewed and downloaded from the FERC's website (www.ferc.gov), on the natural gas environmental documents page (<https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/environment/environmental-documents>). In addition, the EA may be accessed by using the eLibrary link on the FERC's website. Click on the eLibrary link (<https://elibrary.ferc.gov/eLibrary/search>),

select “General Search” and enter the docket number in the “Docket Number” field, excluding the last three digits (i.e., CP23-523). 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 EA is not a decision document. It presents Commission staff’s independent analysis of the environmental issues for the Commission to consider when addressing the merits of all issues in this proceeding. Any person wishing to comment on the EA may do so. Your comments should focus on the EA’s disclosure and discussion of 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 5 p.m. eastern time on April 1, 2024.

For your convenience, there are three methods you can use to file your comments to the Commission. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has staff available to assist you at (866) 208-3676 or FercOnlineSupport@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 website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online. 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 website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to FERC Online.

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 Commission. Be sure to reference the project docket number (CP23-523-000) on your letter. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Debbie-Anne A. Reese, Acting Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, MD 20852.

Filing environmental comments will not give you intervenor status, but you do not need intervenor status to have your comments considered. Only intervenors have the right to seek rehearing or judicial review of the Commission’s decision. At this point in this proceeding, the timeframe for filing timely intervention requests has expired. Any person seeking to become a party to the proceeding must file a motion to intervene out-of-time pursuant to Rule 214(b)(3) and (d) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d)) and show good cause why the time limitation should be waived. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <https://www.ferc.gov/how-intervene>.

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. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

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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 <https://www.ferc.gov/ferc-online/overview> to register for eSubscription.

Dated: March 1, 2024.

Debbie-Anne A. Reese,

Acting Secretary.