



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-12-001]

### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Request for Extension of Time

Take notice that on March 25, 2025, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) requested that the Commission grant an extension of time, until March 26, 2026, to complete its Ship Shoal 246 to Ship Shoal 242 Abandonment Project (Project) located offshore Louisiana as authorized in the Order Authorizing Abandonment (Order).<sup>1</sup> The Order required Transco to complete abandonment of the Project facilities within one year of the date of the Order, or by March 26, 2025.

Transco states that difficulties during pigging operations and issues isolating the section of pipeline to be abandoned led to unforeseen delays in the Project. Transco states that a malfunctioning isolating valve at the end of the line had to be removed and replaced with a line stop fitting to achieve isolation of the pipeline to be abandoned. Additionally, Transco states that vessel availability issues, adverse weather, and the complexities of pig troubleshooting, ultimately made it impossible to complete the Project within the originally prescribed timeframe.

This notice establishes a 15-calendar day intervention and comment period deadline. Any person wishing to comment on Transco's request for an extension of time may do so. No reply comments or answers will be considered. If you wish to obtain legal

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<sup>1</sup> *Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC*, 186 FERC ¶ 62,158 (2024).

status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this request, you should, on or before the comment date stated below, file a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (NGA) (18 CFR 157.10).

As a matter of practice, the Commission itself generally acts on requests for extensions of time to complete construction for NGA facilities when such requests are contested before order issuance. For those extension requests that are contested,<sup>2</sup> the Commission will aim to issue an order acting on the request within 45 days.<sup>3</sup> The Commission will address all arguments relating to whether the applicant has demonstrated there is good cause to grant the extension.<sup>4</sup> The Commission will not consider arguments that re-litigate the issuance of the certificate order, including whether the Commission properly found the project to be in the public convenience and necessity and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the certificate complied with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).<sup>5</sup> At the time a pipeline requests an extension of time, orders on certificates of public convenience and necessity are final and the Commission will not re-litigate their issuance.<sup>6</sup> The Director of the Office of Energy Projects, or his or her designee, will act on all of those extension requests that are uncontested.

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<sup>2</sup> Contested proceedings are those where an intervenor disputes any material issue of the filing. 18 CFR 385.2201(c)(1).

<sup>3</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at P 40.

<sup>5</sup> Similarly, the Commission will not re-litigate the issuance of an NGA section 3 authorization, including whether a proposed project is not inconsistent with the public interest and whether the Commission's environmental analysis for the permit order complied with NEPA.

<sup>6</sup> *Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC*, 170 FERC ¶ 61,144, at P 40 (2020).

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Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on April 14, 2025.

Dated: March 28, 2025.

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