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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP18-89-000]

Empire Pipeline, Inc.; Notice of Application

Take notice that on February 16, 2018, Empire Pipeline, Inc. (Empire), 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, filed an application in Docket No. CP18-89-000 an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) for its Empire North Project. Specifically, Empire proposes to: (i) construct a new 21,068 horsepower (hp) compressor station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; (ii) construct a new 32,000 hp compressor station in Ontario County, New York; (iii) modify its New Victor Regulator Station in Ontario County, New York; (iv) modify its Jackson Meter and Regulator Station in Tioga County, Pennsylvania; (v) abandon by removal certain related facilities; and (vi) uprate the maximum allowable operating pressure of the Empire Connector Pipeline. Empire states that the project will provide 205,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation service. Empire estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$142,390,912, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website web at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TYY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Margaret M. Duggan, Attorney, Empire Pipeline, Inc., 6363 Main Street, Williamsville, New York 14221, or by telephone at (716) 857-7066.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental assessment (EA) and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the EA for this proposal. The filing of the EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent

need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's EA.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, 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 NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentators will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentators will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentators will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the eFiling link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or

intervention to the Federal Energy regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE,
Washington, DC 20426.

Comment Date: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on March 16, 2018.

Dated: March 5, 2018.

Kimberly D. Bose,

Secretary.

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