

public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

*Title of Collection:* National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) 2017–2019.

*OMB Control Number:* 1850–NEW (previously 1850–0790).

*Type of Review:* A new information collection.

*Respondents/Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 816,263.

*Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:* 397,894.

*Abstract:* This information collection is a revision to information collection 1850–0790; however, the Department is requesting a new OMB control number in place of the old number.

The National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), conducted by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), is a federally authorized survey of student achievement at grades 4, 8, and 12 in various subject areas, such as mathematics, reading, writing, science, U.S. history, civics, geography, economics, technology and engineering literacy (TEL), and the arts. The National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act (Public Law 107–279 Title III, section 303) requires the assessment to collect data on specified student groups and characteristics, including information organized by race/ethnicity, gender, socio-economic status, disability, and limited English proficiency. It requires fair and accurate presentation of achievement data and permits the collection of background, noncognitive, or descriptive information that is related to academic achievement and aids in fair reporting of results. The intent of the law is to provide representative sample data on student achievement for the nation, the states, and subpopulations of students and to monitor progress over time. The nature of NAEP is that burden alternates from a relatively low burden in national-level administration years to a substantial burden increase in state-level

administration years when the sample has to allow for estimates for individual states and some of the large urban districts. This submission requests OMB's approval for main NAEP assessments in 2017, 2018, and 2019, including operational, pilot, and special studies. The NAEP results will be reported to the public through the Nation's Report Card as well as other online NAEP tools.

Dated: December 10, 2015.

**Kate Mullan,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Commission Staff Attendance

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meeting related to the transmission planning activities of the New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

#### The New York Independent System Operator, Inc. Electric System Planning Working Group Meeting (CARIS Forum)

*December 17, 2015, 2 p.m.–3:30 p.m. (EST)*

The above-referenced meeting will be via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at: [http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets\\_operations/services/planning/index.jsp](http://www.nyiso.com/public/markets_operations/services/planning/index.jsp)

The discussions at the meeting described above may address matters at issue in the following proceedings:

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER13–102.*

*ISO New England Inc., et al., Docket Nos. ER13–1957, et al.*

*ISO New England Inc., Docket Nos. ER13–193 and ER13–196.*

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER15–2059.*

*New York Independent System Operator, Inc., Docket No. ER16–120.*

*New York Transco, LLC, Docket No. ER15–572.*

For more information, contact James Eason, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–8622 or [James.Eason@ferc.gov](mailto:James.Eason@ferc.gov).

Dated: December 9, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. OR16–8–000]

#### Powder River Crude Services, LLC; Powder River Express, LLC; Notice of Petition for Declaratory Order

Take notice that on December 9, 2015, pursuant to Rule 207(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.207(a)(2)(2015), Powder River Crude Services, LLC and Powder River Express, LLC filed a petition requesting a declaratory order approving the overall tariff and rate structure, open season procedures, prorationing provisions, and other terms of service associated with a new crude oil pipeline in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming. The pipeline is intended to connect crude oil production areas with downstream markets, including rail and other pipeline interconnections, as more fully explained in the petition.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest in this proceeding must file in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on the specified comment date. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate. Such notices, motions, or protests must be filed on or before the comment date. Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Petitioner.

The Commission encourages electronic submission of protests and interventions in lieu of paper, using the FERC Online links at <http://www.ferc.gov>. To facilitate electronic service, persons with Internet access who will eFile a document and/or be listed as a contact for an intervenor must create and validate an eRegistration account using the

eRegistration link. Select the eFiling link to log on and submit the intervention or protests.

Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 5 copies of the intervention or protest to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

The filings in the above proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for review in the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. There is an eSubscription link on the Web site that enables subscribers to receive email notification when a document is added to a subscribed docket(s). For assistance with any FERC Online service, please email [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call (866) 208-3676 (toll free). For TTY, call (202) 502-8659.

Comment Date: 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on December 31, 2015.

Dated: December 9, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-520-000]

#### Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C.; Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review of the Triad Expansion Project

On June 19, 2015, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, L.L.C. (Tennessee) filed an application in Docket No. CP15-520-000 requesting authorization 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 Triad Expansion Project (Project), and would deliver an additional 180,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to meet the needs of a new natural gas-fired power plant to be constructed in Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

On July 6, 2015, 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 Assessment (EA) for the Project. This instant notice identifies the FERC staff's planned schedule for the completion of the EA for the Project.

#### Schedule for Environmental Review

Issuance of EA	April 6, 2016
90-day Federal Authorization Decision Deadline	July 5, 2016

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

Tennessee would construct about 7.0 miles of new 36-inch-diameter looping<sup>1</sup> pipeline adjacent to its existing 300 Line system in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania; a new internal pipeline inspection (pig)<sup>2</sup> launcher, crossover, and connecting facilities at the beginning of the proposed pipeline loop; and a new pig receiver, a new odorant facility, and ancillary piping at the existing Compressor Station 321 in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

#### Background

On August 5, 2015, the Commission issued a *Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Triad Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues* (NOI). The NOI 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 NOI, the Commission received comments from the United States Army Corps of Engineers; Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources; the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic Preservation Office; the Allegheny Defense Project; and one individual. The primary issues raised during scoping relate to impacts on soils, wetlands, waterbodies, vegetation, and wildlife; recreation and impacts on cultural resources; reliability and safety concerns; and review of project alternatives.

#### Additional Information

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

<sup>1</sup> A pipeline loop is a segment of pipe constructed parallel to an existing pipeline to increase capacity.

<sup>2</sup> A "pig" is a tool that the pipeline company inserts into and pushes through the pipeline for cleaning the pipeline, conducting internal inspections, or other purposes.

all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription. 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 [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Additional information about the Project is available from the Commission's

Office of External Affairs at (866) 208-FERC or on the FERC Web site ([www.ferc.gov](http://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.*, CP15-520), 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](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov). The eLibrary link on the FERC Web site also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rule makings.

Dated: December 9, 2015.

**Nathaniel J. Davis, Sr.,**  
Deputy Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Conference

	Docket Nos.
Public Service Company of Colorado.	ER15-237-004
	ER15-326-001
	ER16-178-000
	ER16-180-000
Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company LP.	ER15-295-003
	ER15-348-003
	ER16-212-000
	ER16-217-000

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, Commission staff will meet with Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) in Washington, DC. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss matters related to the filings submitted by PSCo and Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company LP in the above-captioned proceedings, including matters related to: (1) The cost-based rate cap for energy provided