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 joint stakeholder meeting related to the transmission planning activities of PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. (PJM), Independent System Operator New England, Inc. (ISO-NE), and New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (NYISO):

Inter-Regional Planning Stakeholder Advisory Committee—New York/New England

April 3, 2013, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.,

Location: The above-referenced meeting will be held over conference call.

The above-referenced meeting is open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at www.pjm.com/committees-and-groups/stakeholder-meetings/stakeholder-groups/ipsac-ny-ne.aspx.

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

Docket No. ER08–1281, Public Service Electric and Gas Company and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Docket No. ER13–90, Public Service Electric and Gas Company and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.


Docket No. ER13–195, Indicated PJM Transmission Owners


Docket No. ER13–198, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C

Docket No. ER13–397, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.

Docket No. ER13–673, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C

Docket No. ER13–703, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C

Docket No. ER13–887, PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.


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[Docket Nos. CP07–52–000; CP07–53–000; CP07–53–001]

Downeast LNG, Inc., Downeast Pipeline, LLC.; Notice of Availability of the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Downeast LNG Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Downeast LNG Project, proposed by Downeast LNG, Inc. and Downeast Pipeline, LLC (hereafter collectively referred to as Downeast) in the above-referenced dockets. Downeast requests authorization to construct and operate a new liquefied natural gas (LNG) import terminal, natural gas pipeline, and associated facilities in Washington County, Maine. The Downeast LNG Project would provide about 500 million cubic feet per day of imported natural gas to the New England region.

The Commission previously issued a draft EIS for this project in May 2009. Since then the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has issued clarifications on its Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 193, which are relevant to the proposed Downeast LNG Project. In October 2011, DOT issued final decisions approving specific alternative models for use in complying with these federal safety standards. Downeast filed information with the FERC as required by the latest DOT interpretations in October and November 2012. In 2010, the U.S. Coast Guard (Coast Guard) revised its regulations in Title 33, CFR, Part 127 on the process used to examine the suitability of the waterway for LNG carrier transits. In 2011, the Coast Guard also updated Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 01–2011, “Guidance Related to Waterfront LNG Facilities.”

In 2012, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released the report “Liquefied Natural Gas Safety Research Report to Congress” detailing the results of research conducted by Sandia National Laboratories on intentional breaches of LNG carrier cargo tanks and the resulting LNG spills on water.

Based on the new information from the DOT, DOE, Coast Guard, and Downeast, FERC staff revised the reliability and safety analysis of the LNG terminal and carrier transit that was presented in the May 2009 draft EIS and prepared the Supplemental draft EIS. This document presents FERC staff’s technical review of the proposed facility’s preliminary design; siting analysis, prepared with the cooperation of the DOT; and conclusions on the waterway suitability based on input from the Coast Guard. The DOT participated as a cooperating agency in the preparation of the Supplemental draft EIS.

We’ve mailed copies of the Supplemental draft EIS 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. Paper copy versions of the Supplement to the draft EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others

1 “We,” “us,” and “our” refer to the environmental staff of the FERC’s Office of Energy Projects.