

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket Nos. ER15–1344–001; ER15–1344–002; ER15–1387–001]

PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.; Potomac Electric Power Company; Notice of Technical Conference

By order dated September 15, 2015,¹ the Commission directed staff to convene a technical conference regarding PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.'s (PJM) filing, in Docket Nos. ER15–1344–001 and ER15–1344–002, related to cost responsibility assignments for 61 baseline upgrades included in the recent update to the PJM Regional Transmission Expansion Plan (RTEP), and regarding requests for rehearing, submitted in Docket No. ER15–1387–001, related to the PJM Transmission Owners' proposal to change the cost allocation methodology for reliability projects selected in the RTEP solely to address local transmission owner planning criteria. The technical conference will explore issues related to PJM's application of its Order No. 1000-compliant transmission planning process² to local transmission facilities, including, but not limited to, the process PJM and the PJM Transmission Owners use to identify local transmission needs and to solicit proposed solutions to identified local transmission needs (such as opening proposal windows),³ and the process PJM uses to determine whether a transmission solution to an identified local transmission need should be selected in the regional transmission plan for purposes of cost allocation as the more efficient or cost-effective transmission solution.

Take notice that such conference will be held on November 12, 2015, at the Commission's headquarters at 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) in Hearing Room 7. Additional information regarding the

conference program will be provided in a subsequent supplemental notice of technical conference.

The technical conference will be led by Commission staff. The conference is open to the public. Pre-registration through the Commission's Web site (<https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/11-12-15-form.asp>) is encouraged but not required.

The technical conference will not be transcribed. However, there will be a free audio cast of the conference. Anyone wishing to listen to the meeting should send an email to Sarah McKinley at sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov by November 3, 2015, to request call-in information. Please reference "call information for ER15–1344/1387 technical conference" in the subject line of the email. The call-in information will be provided prior to the meeting. Persons listening to the technical conference may participate by submitting questions, either prior to or during the technical conference, by emailing RTEPconference@ferc.gov.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov or call toll free 1–866–208–3372 (voice) or 202–502–8659 (TTY); or send a fax to 202–208–2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact Katherine Scott, 202–502–6495, katherine.scott@ferc.gov, regarding Docket Nos. ER15–1344–001 and ER15–1344–002; Nicole Buell, 202–502–6846, nicole.buell@ferc.gov, regarding Docket No. ER15–1387–001; or Sarah McKinley, 202–502–8368, sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov, regarding logistical issues.

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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

[Docket No. CP15–527–000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed New York Bay Expansion Project and Request for Comments on Environmental Issues

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or

Commission) will prepare an environmental assessment (EA) that will discuss the environmental impacts of the New York Bay Expansion Project involving construction and operation of facilities by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in Chester, Pennsylvania; Essex and Middlesex, New Jersey; and Richmond, New York. The Commission will use this EA in its decision-making process to determine whether the project is in the public convenience and necessity.

This notice announces the opening of the scoping process the Commission will use to gather input from the public and interested agencies on the project. You can make a difference by providing us with your specific comments or concerns about the project. Your comments should focus on the potential environmental effects, reasonable alternatives, and measures to avoid or lessen environmental impacts. Your input will help the Commission staff determine what issues they need to evaluate in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please send your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before November 8, 2015.

If you sent comments on this project to the Commission before the opening of this docket on July 8, 2015, you will need to file those comments in Docket No. CP15–527 to ensure they are considered as part of this proceeding.

This notice is being sent to the Commission's current environmental mailing list for this project. State and local government representatives should notify their constituents of this proposed project and encourage them to comment on their areas of concern.

If you are a landowner receiving this notice, a pipeline company representative may contact you about the acquisition of an easement to construct, operate, and maintain the proposed facilities. The company would seek to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement. However, if the Commission approves the project, that approval conveys with it the right of eminent domain. Therefore, if easement negotiations fail to produce an agreement, the pipeline company could initiate condemnation proceedings where compensation would be determined in accordance with state law.

Transco provided landowners with a fact sheet prepared by the FERC entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility On My Land? What Do I Need To Know?" This fact sheet addresses a number of typically asked questions, including the use of eminent domain and how to

¹ *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 152 FERC ¶ 61,197 (2015).

² *Transmission Planning and Cost Allocation by Transmission Owning and Operating Public Utilities*, Order No. 1000, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,323 (2011), *order on reh'g*, Order No. 1000–A, 139 FERC ¶ 61,132, *order on reh'g*, Order No. 1000–B, 141 FERC ¶ 61,044 (2012), *aff'd sub nom. S.C. Pub. Serv. Auth. v. FERC*, 762 F.3d 41 (D.C. Cir. 2014).

³ As discussed in the order establishing the technical conference, Dominion Resources Services' revisions to its individual transmission planning criteria will not be discussed at the technical conference. *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*, 152 FERC ¶ 61,197 at P15 (2015).