

substantive changes, and the Appeals Panel.

Requested Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of community and other colleges in California, Hawaii, the United States territories of Guam and American Samoa, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which have as a primary mission the granting of associate degrees, but which may also award certificates and other credentials, including bachelor's degrees, where the provision of such credentials is within the institution's mission and, if applicable, is authorized by their governmental authorities, and the accreditation of such programs offered via distance education and correspondence education at these colleges. This recognition also extends to the Committee on Substantive Change of the Commission, for decisions on substantive changes, and the Appeals Panel.

#### Clarification Regarding Scope of Review

Decisions letters issued in January 2014 by the senior Department official on recognition matters are posted on the Department's Web site at: <https://opeweb.ed.gov/aslweb/index.cfm>.

NWCCU and WASC ACCJC timely appealed to the Secretary from several of the findings contained in the senior Department official's January 2014 decision letters to those agencies.

##### 1. NWCCU (Compliance Report)

The agency appealed five of the ten findings outlined in the senior Department official's January 2014 decision letter.

The agency prevailed on appeal on three of the five issues. As a consequence of the appeal, only the following five remaining findings will be considered at the December 2015 meeting for NWCCU: 34 CFR 602.15(a)(5); 602.16(a)(1)(ix); 602.20(b); 602.23(c); and 602.26(d). The Secretary's December 2014 appeal decision may be found here: <http://oha.ed.gov/secretaryindex.html>

##### 2. WASC ACCJC (Compliance Report)

The agency appealed two of the 15 findings outlined in the senior Department official's January 2014 decision letter. The appeal remains pending. Because those two findings remain on appeal, only the other 13 findings addressed in the senior Department official's decision letter will

be considered at the December 2015 meeting for WASC ACCJC: 34 CFR 602.12(b); 602.16(a)(1)(i); 602.16(a)(1)(ii); 602.16(a)(1)(iii); 602.17(a); 602.17(f); 602.18(e); 602.19(b); 602.20(a); 602.20(b); 602.21(c); 602.25(c); and 602.26(b).

Public comments (written and oral) for NWCCU and WASC ACCJC must be confined to the criteria for recognition listed above.

##### 3. Scope of Review at the December 2015 Meeting for Agencies Other Than NWCCU and WASC ACCJC

Public comments (written and oral) for all other agencies listed on the December agenda for consideration of compliance reports must relate to issues identified in the senior Department official's letter that requested the report.

Public comments (written and oral) for agencies listed on the December agenda for consideration for initial or renewal of recognition must relate to the agency's compliance with the Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies [34 CFR 602], the Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of State Agencies for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education [34 CFR 603], and the Criteria and Procedures for Recognition of State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education, as appropriate.

**Addition of Agenda Item:** On Wednesday, December 16, 2015, the NACIQI will receive a briefing to continue their discussion from the June 25–26, 2015 meeting regarding how to frame the NACIQI's policy agenda to inform the agency recognition process and to develop broader perspectives about how accrediting agencies consider data about student outcomes. The briefing and attendant discussion will commence prior to the review of agencies on the agenda, and will resume after the NACIQI has completed its review of agencies.

**Access to Records of the Meeting:** The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI Web site 90 days after the meeting. Pursuant to the FACA, the public may also inspect the materials at 1990 K Street NW., Washington, DC, by emailing [aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov](mailto:aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov) or by calling (202) 219–7067 to schedule an appointment.

**Reasonable Accommodations:** The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting

date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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**Delegation of Authority:** The Secretary of Education has delegated authority to Jamiene S. Studley, Deputy Under Secretary, to perform the functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education.

**Authority:** Section 114 of the HEA of 1965, as amended, 20 U.S.C. 1011c.

**Jamiene S. Studley,**

*Deputy Under Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. ER16–255–000]

#### East Coast Power & Gas of New Jersey, LLC; Supplemental Notice That Initial Market-Based Rate Filing Includes Request for Blanket Section 204 Authorization

This is a supplemental notice in the above-referenced proceeding East Coast Power & Gas of New Jersey, LLC's application for market-based rate authority, with an accompanying rate tariff, noting that such application includes a request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability.

Any person desiring to intervene or to protest should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888

First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, in accordance with Rules 211 and 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214). Anyone filing a motion to intervene or protest must serve a copy of that document on the Applicant.

Notice is hereby given that the deadline for filing protests with regard to the applicant's request for blanket authorization, under 18 CFR part 34, of future issuances of securities and assumptions of liability, is November 24, 2015.

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-referenced proceeding are accessible in the Commission's eLibrary system by clicking on the appropriate link in the above list. They are also available for electronic 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.

Dated: November 4, 2015.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Notice of Staff Attendance at the Illinois Commerce Commission's "Planning For The Future" Policy Session; Focus on 2015-2016 Winter Preparedness and Resource Adequacy in the Ameren Illinois Footprint

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice that members of its staff may attend the above meeting of the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). Their attendance is part of the Commission's ongoing outreach efforts.

The meeting will be held on November 19, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at in the Main Hearing Room at the ICC's Chicago office, 160 North LaSalle, Suite C-800, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

- Docket No. ER11-4081, *Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc.*
- Docket No. EL12-54, *Viridity Energy, Inc. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER13-535, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER13-2108, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER14-504, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER14-822, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket Nos. ER14-1461 and EL14-48, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER14-2940, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. ER15-135, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket Nos. ER15-623 and EL15-29, *PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL14-20, *Independent Market Monitor for PJM v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket Nos. EL14-94 and EL14-36, *FirstEnergy Solutions Corp. and PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL14-55, *FirstEnergy Service Company v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL15-41, *Essential Power Rock Springs, L.L.C. et al. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL15-46, *Champion Energy Marketing L.L.C. v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL15-80, *Advanced Energy Management Alliance Coalition v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL15-83, *National Resources Defense Council, et al., v. PJM Interconnection, L.L.C.*
- Docket No. EL15-70, *Public Citizen, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. EL15-71, *People of the State of Illinois v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. EL15-72, *Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc. v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

Docket No. EL15-82, *Illinois Industrial Energy Consumers v. Midcontinent Independent System Operator, Inc.*

The meeting is open to the public.

For more information, contact Patrick Clarey, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (317) 249-5937 or [patrick.clarey@ferc.gov](mailto:patrick.clarey@ferc.gov).

Dated: November 4, 2015.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP15-89-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LL; Notice of Availability of the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Garden State Expansion Project

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared an environmental assessment (EA) for the Garden State Expansion Project, proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to construct and operate a new compressor station and a new meter and regulating station in Burlington County, New Jersey and construct and modify an existing compressor station and related appurtenant facilities in Mercer County, New Jersey.

The EA assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Garden State Expansion Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the proposed project, with appropriate mitigating measures, would not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.

The proposed Garden State Expansion Project includes the following facilities: