

2. Wabash's transmission plant in service balance for year 2019 is \$354.9 million in the Black & Veatch Study<sup>9</sup> and \$312.8 million in Wabash's annual FERC Form No. 1 filing.<sup>10</sup> Please explain the divergence between these two values. Wabash's transmission plant in service balance for year 2020 is \$423.1 million in the Black & Veatch Study<sup>11</sup> and \$321.2 million in Wabash's 2020 budget study.<sup>12</sup> In addition, Wabash states that this value is \$348.9 million in the Adjusted Black & Veatch Study.<sup>13</sup>

a. Please explain why Wabash's transmission plant in service balance for year 2020 decreased by \$74.2 million between the original and Adjusted Black & Veatch studies.

b. Please explain the \$27.7 million divergence between Wabash's transmission plant in service balance for year 2020 in the Adjusted Black & Veatch Study and Wabash's 2020 budget study.

c. Please provide updated versions of the spreadsheets contained in Ex. TIP-0097 and Ex. TIP-0113 that reflect the updated transmission plant in service balance for year 2020, and all other modified values, used in the Adjusted Black & Veatch Study.

3. Wabash's annual transmission capital expenditure for year 2019 is \$50.6 million in the Black & Veatch Study,<sup>14</sup> \$41.9 million in Wabash's annual FERC Form No. 1 filing,<sup>15</sup> and \$42.2 million according to Wabash's work orders.<sup>16</sup> Please explain the divergence among these values.

4. Wabash's annual transmission capital expenditure for year 2020 is \$71.8 million in the Black & Veatch Study,<sup>17</sup> \$41.6 million in Wabash's annual FERC Form No. 1 filing,<sup>18</sup> and \$66.5 million according to Wabash's work orders.<sup>19</sup> Please explain the divergence among these values.

5. Please explain the transmission service that Wabash takes under the MISO Tariff in association with delivery to Tipmont.

6. Wabash states that the original and Adjusted Black & Veatch studies "make no adjustment to Wabash Valley's forecasted transmission revenues."<sup>20</sup>

a. Please explain how Wabash estimated the annual transmission revenues it would receive if Tipmont remained a member of Wabash and describe the source(s) of those

<sup>9</sup> Ex. TIP-0097; Ex. TIP-0113 at 'Depreciation' tab, cell C28.

<sup>10</sup> Wabash, FERC Form No. 1/3-Q, Rev. 02-04, at 207 (Electric Plant in Service (Account 101, 102, 103, and 106, line 58(g)) (2019).

<sup>11</sup> Ex. TIP-0097; Ex. TIP-0113 at 'Depreciation' tab, cell D28.

<sup>12</sup> Ex. TIP-0016 at 'BL Pg 20 Cost of Trans' tab, cell I44.

<sup>13</sup> Ex. WV-0035 at 35.

<sup>14</sup> Ex. TIP-0097; Ex. TIP-0113 at 'Depreciation' tab, cell C7.

<sup>15</sup> Wabash, FERC Form No. 1/3-Q, Rev. 02-04, at 206 (Electric Plant in Service (Account 101, 102, 103, and 106, line 58(c)) (2019).

<sup>16</sup> Ex. WV-0035 at 36 (citing Ex. WV-0049).

<sup>17</sup> Ex. TIP-0097; Ex. TIP-0113 at 'Depreciation' tab, cell D7.

<sup>18</sup> Wabash, FERC Form No. 1/3-Q, Rev. 02-04, at 206 (Electric Plant in Service (Account 101, 102, 103, and 106, line 58(c)) (2020).

<sup>19</sup> Ex. WV-0035 at 36 (citing Ex. WV-0049).

<sup>20</sup> *Id.* at 44-45.

revenues. Describe all assumptions and provide supporting workpapers.

b. In addition, please describe how these revenues compare to what Wabash would receive if Tipmont departs and procures network service for its entire load.

#### B. Capacity Price Forecast

7. Please identify the source of the \$22.34/MW-day initial value used in forecasting the Black & Veatch Study's capacity price for years 2020-2025.<sup>21</sup>

8. Please explain how the Black & Veatch Study determined the annual growth rate for its forecasted capacity prices for years 2021-2025.<sup>22</sup>

9. Please explain why the Black & Veatch Study switches from using the recent capacity price level observed in the MISO market as a starting point for the capacity price forecast for years 2020-2025 to using weighted average solar power purchase agreement costs beginning in year 2026 specifically.<sup>23</sup>

#### C. Energy Price Forecast

10. Please explain how the Black & Veatch Study selects the New York Mercantile Exchange Henry Hub forward price curve dated October 2, 2019, as the basis for the projected natural gas prices used in years 2021-2031 of its energy price forecast.<sup>24</sup> In addition, please explain why the Black & Veatch Study uses a single forward curve instead of averaging over multiple forward curves.

11. Please explain why the Black & Veatch Study assumes that the five-year compound annual growth rate implied in the natural gas forward prices for 2027-2031 will persist through 2050.<sup>25</sup>

#### D. Miscellaneous Issues

12. Wabash proposes a 10-year buyout period, arguing that for any termination initiated prior to April 14, 2028, Tipmont agreed to a ten-year notice and buyout period during which Tipmont remains a member, continues to purchase all-requirements service, and makes additional monthly escrow payments based on the rate set by the Wabash board of directors.<sup>26</sup> In contrast, Tipmont argues that the 10-year buyout period has not been found to be just and reasonable; that, as long as Tipmont pays the verifiable stranded costs associated with Tipmont's exit,<sup>27</sup> Wabash and its members are protected from any financial impacts associated with such exit, whether Tipmont leaves immediately or in 10 years; and that Tipmont's continued membership in Wabash is causing harm to Tipmont.<sup>28</sup> Tipmont requests that the Commission direct Wabash to make a compliance filing that sets the date of Tipmont's exit as "the first day of the

<sup>21</sup> Ex. WV-0014 at 15 ("For the years 2020 through 2025, Black & Veatch increased the capacity prices from the recent capacity price level of \$22.34/MW-day observed in the MISO market.")

<sup>22</sup> *Id.* at 30.

<sup>23</sup> *Id.* at 15, 30.

<sup>24</sup> *Id.* at 15.

<sup>25</sup> *Id.*

<sup>26</sup> Wabash Br. Opposing Exceptions 13-14.

<sup>27</sup> Tipmont Br. Opposing Exceptions 2.

<sup>28</sup> *Id.* at 1 (citing Ex. TIP-0001 at 25).

month one year after the date of that Commission order."<sup>29</sup>

Please address the manner in which an immediate buyout scenario should be effectuated in the event the Commission finds the 10-year buyout period is not required by the parties' contracts and otherwise has not been shown to be just and reasonable.<sup>30</sup>

13. Wabash's property insurance costs for year 2019 are \$1.5 million in the Black & Veatch Study<sup>31</sup> and \$169,871 in Wabash's annual FERC Form No. 1 filing.<sup>32</sup> Please explain the divergence between these values.

14. Wabash's property tax costs for year 2019 are \$5.57 million in the Black & Veatch Study and \$5.37 million in Wabash's Trial Balance workpaper.<sup>33</sup> Please explain the divergence between these values.

## Appendix B

### Question Directed at Tipmont

15. According to Trial Staff, the London Economics International (LEI) Study's energy price forecast projects an approximate \$3/MMBtu seasonal spread in intra-year natural gas prices beginning in 2030.<sup>34</sup> Please explain how the seasonal natural gas price spreads observed in the LEI Study's energy price forecast are consistent with current and expected natural gas market dynamics in MISO.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP24-12-000]

#### Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC; Notice of Application and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on November 2, 2023, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed an application under section 7b of the Natural Gas Act (NGA), and part 157 of the Commission's regulations requesting authorization for its Ship Shoal 246 to Ship Shoal 242 Abandonment Project (Project). The Project consists of Transco abandoning offshore laterals extending from Ship Shoal Block 246 Platform A to the Ship Shoal Block 242 underwater platform, and auxiliary facilities,

<sup>29</sup> Tipmont Br. on Exceptions 13.

<sup>30</sup> *Id.*

<sup>31</sup> Ex. TIP-0097; Ex. TIP-0113 at 'Prop Ins' tab, cell E14.

<sup>32</sup> Wabash, FERC Form No. 1/3-Q, Rev. 02-04, at 323 (Electric Operation and Maintenance Expenses (line 185(d)) (2019).

<sup>33</sup> Ex. WV-0035 (citing Ex. TIP-0082).

<sup>34</sup> Trial Staff Initial Br. 40 (citing Tr. 528:23-529:22, 531:4-22).

located Offshore, Louisiana. Transco states that this proposal is related to QuarterNorth Energy, LLC's intention to abandon its SS 246 Platform which Transco holds a minority interest in. Transco estimates the total cost of the Project to be \$5,843,818, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page ([www.ferc.gov](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. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding the proposed project should be directed to Travis Beach, Sr. Regulatory Analyst, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251 by phone at (281) 224-6248, or by email at [Travis.Beach@Williams.com](mailto:Travis.Beach@Williams.com).

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,<sup>1</sup> within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review 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 final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an 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 FEIS or EA.

### Public Participation

There are three ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, you can protest the filing, and you can file a motion to intervene

in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 7, 2023. How to file protests, motions to intervene, and comments is explained below.

The Commission's Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202)502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

### Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections, to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be.

### Protests

Pursuant to sections 157.10(a)(4)<sup>2</sup> and 385.211<sup>3</sup> of the Commission's regulations under the NGA, any person<sup>4</sup> may file a protest to the application. Protests must comply with the requirements specified in section 385.2001<sup>5</sup> of the Commission's regulations. A protest may also serve as a motion to intervene so long as the protestor states it also seeks to be an intervenor.

To ensure that your comments or protests are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before December 7, 2023.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments or protests to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number CP24-12-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;

(2) You may file your comments or protests electronically by using the

eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or

(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments or protests by mailing them to the following address below. Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (CP24-12-000).

*To file via USPS:* Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*To file via any other courier:* Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

### Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,<sup>6</sup> has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

<sup>1</sup> 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations)157.9.

<sup>2</sup> 18 CFR 157.10(a)(4).

<sup>3</sup> 18 CFR 385.211.

<sup>4</sup> Persons include individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities. 18 CFR 385.102(d).

<sup>5</sup> 18 CFR 385.2001.

<sup>6</sup> 18 CFR 385.102(d).

Procedure<sup>7</sup> and the regulations under the NGA<sup>8</sup> by the intervention deadline for the project, which is December 7, 2023. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to-intervene.asp>.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number CP24-12-000 in your submission.

(1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website ([www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov)) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or

(2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below. Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number CP24-12-000.

*To file via USPS:* Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426.

*To file via any other courier:* Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov).

Protests and motions to intervene must be served on the applicant either by mail or email at: Travis Beach, Sr. Regulatory Analyst, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, or by email at [Travis.Beach@Williams.com](mailto:Travis.Beach@Williams.com). Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the

proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

All timely, unopposed<sup>9</sup> motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).<sup>10</sup> Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.<sup>11</sup> A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

#### Tracking the Proceeding

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the project will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC website at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. 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. For more information and to register, go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

*Intervention Deadline:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on December 7, 2023.

Dated: November 16, 2023.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Deputy Secretary.*

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<sup>9</sup> The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

<sup>10</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

<sup>11</sup> 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).

## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

#### Combined Notice of Filings #1

Take notice that the Commission received the following exempt wholesale generator filings:

*Docket Numbers:* EG24-31-000.

*Applicants:* Sparta Solar, LLC.

*Description:* Sparta Solar, LLC submits Notice of Self-Certification of Exempt Wholesale Generator Status.

*Filed Date:* 11/16/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231116-5138.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 12/7/23.

Take notice that the Commission received the following electric rate filings:

*Docket Numbers:* ER10-2265-021; ER10-2355-011; ER10-2947-016; ER10-3223-010; ER11-1846-012; ER11-1847-012; ER11-1850-012; ER11-2062-029; ER11-2175-007; ER11-2176-006; ER11-2598-015; ER11-3188-007; ER11-3418-009; ER11-4307-030; ER11-4308-030; ER12-224-008; ER12-225-008; ER12-261-029; ER12-2301-007; ER13-1192-009; ER16-10-004; ER17-764-007; ER17-765-007; ER17-767-007; ER21-2826-002; ER10-2784-017.

*Applicants:* Astoria Gas Turbine Power LLC, NRG Curtailment Solutions, Inc., Stream Energy Delaware, LLC, Stream Energy Illinois, LLC, Stream Ohio Gas & Electric, LLC, NRG Chalk Point CT LLC, Hess Energy Marketing LLC, Stream Energy New York, LLC, Independence Energy Group LLC, Stream Energy New Jersey, LLC, Stream Energy Columbia, LLC, Reliant Energy Northeast LLC, Green Mountain Energy Company, Xoom Energy, LLC, Stream Energy Maryland, LLC, Gateway Energy Services Corporation, Stream Energy Pennsylvania, LLC, SGE Energy Sourcing, LLC, Energy Plus Holdings LLC, Direct Energy Business, LLC, Direct Energy Marketing Inc., Direct Energy Services, LLC, Indian River Power LLC, Vienna Power LLC, Midwest Generation LLC, NRG Power Marketing LLC.

*Description:* Response to October 6, 2023, Deficiency Letter of NRG Power Marketing LLC, et al.

*Filed Date:* 11/6/23.

*Accession Number:* 20231106-5177.

*Comment Date:* 5 p.m. ET 11/27/23.

*Docket Numbers:* ER23-1956-001.

*Applicants:* Earthrise Tilton Interconnection, LLC.

*Description:* Compliance filing: Compliance Filing Reflecting Actual Effective Date of Tariff Records to be effective N/A.

<sup>7</sup> 18 CFR 385.214.

<sup>8</sup> 18 CFR 157.10.