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m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.

n. *Comments, Protests, or Motions to Intervene*: Anyone may submit comments, a protest, or a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.210, .211, .214. In determining the appropriate action to take, the Commission will consider all protests or other comments filed, but only those who file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules may become a party to the proceeding. Any comments, protests, or motions to intervene must be received on or before the specified comment date for the particular application.

o. *Filing and Service of Responsive Documents*: Any filing must (1) bear in all capital letters the title "COMMENTS", "PROTEST", or "MOTION TO INTERVENE" as applicable; (2) set forth in the heading the name of the applicant and the project number of the application to which the filing responds; (3) furnish the name, address, and telephone number of the person protesting or intervening; and (4) otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 385.2001 through 385.2005. All comments, motions to intervene, or protests must set forth their evidentiary basis and otherwise comply with the requirements of 18 CFR 4.34(b). All comments, motions to intervene, or protests should relate to project works which are the subject of proposed action. Agencies may obtain copies of the application directly from the applicant. A copy of any protest or motion to intervene must be served upon each representative of the applicant specified in the particular application. If an intervenor files comments or documents with the Commission relating to the merits of an issue that may affect the responsibilities of a particular resource agency, they must also serve a copy of the document on that resource agency. A copy of all other filings in reference to this

application must be accompanied by proof of service on all persons listed in the service list prepared by the Commission in this proceeding, in accordance with 18 CFR 4.34(b) and 385.2010.

Dated: July 21, 2015.

**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 Application

Take notice that on July 8, 2015, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), filed in Docket No. CP15-527-000 an application pursuant to sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) requesting authorization to construct and operate its New York Bay Expansion Project. Transco proposes to: (i) Add a total of 15,740 horsepower at three existing compressor stations in Middlesex and Essex Counties, New Jersey and Chester County, Pennsylvania; (ii) modify three meter and regulating stations in Middlesex County, New Jersey, Richmond County, New York, and Chester County, Pennsylvania; (iii) replace approximately 0.25 miles of pipe in Middlesex County, New Jersey; and (iv) install related appurtenances. The project is designed to deliver 115,000 dekatherms per day of firm transportation capacity to Brooklyn Union Gas Company, d/b/a National Grid NY in New York City. Transco estimates the cost of the project to be approximately \$112 million, all as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection. The filing is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's Web site web at <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. For assistance, contact FERC at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions concerning these applications may be directed to Marg Camardello, Regulatory Analyst, Lead, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line

Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251-1396, by telephone at (713) 215-3380.

Pursuant to section 157.9 of the Commission's rules, 18 CFR 157.9, within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: Complete its environmental assessment (EA) 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 EA for this proposal. The filing of the 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.

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project. First, any person wishing to obtain legal status by becoming a party to the proceedings for this project should, on or before the comment date stated below file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the NGA (18 CFR 157.10). A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties. A party must submit seven copies of filings made in the proceeding with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party. Only parties to the proceeding can ask for court review of Commission orders in the proceeding.

However, a person does not have to intervene in order to have comments considered. The second way to participate is by filing with the Secretary of the Commission, as soon as possible, an original and two copies of comments in support of or in opposition to this project. The Commission will consider these comments in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding. The Commission's rules require that persons filing comments in opposition to the project

provide copies of their protests only to the party or parties directly involved in the protest.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commentors will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commentors will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentors will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFiling" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. Persons unable to file electronically should submit an original and 7 copies of the protest or intervention to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426.

*Comment Date:* 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July August 11, 2015.

Dated: July 21, 2015.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Western Area Power Administration

#### Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program— Eastern Division—Rate Order No. WAPA-170

**AGENCY:** Western Area Power Administration, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Transmission and Ancillary Services Formula Rates.

**SUMMARY:** The Deputy Secretary of Energy confirmed and approved Rate Order No. WAPA-170 and Rate Schedules WAUGP-ATRR, WAUGP-AS1, WAUW-AS3, WAUW-AS4, WAUW-AS5, WAUW-AS6 and WAUW-AS7. Through this notice, the Western Area Power Administration (Western), places formula transmission and ancillary services rates for Western's Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin

Program—Eastern Division (P-SMBP—ED) into effect on an interim basis. The provisional rates will be in effect until the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) confirms, approves, and places them into effect on a final basis, or until they are superseded. The provisional formula rates will provide sufficient revenue to pay all associated annual costs, including interest expense, and repay required investment within the allowable periods.

**DATES:** Formula rates for Transmission and Ancillary Services under Rate Schedules WAUGP-ATRR, WAUGP-AS1, WAUW-AS3, WAUW-AS4, WAUW-AS5, WAUW-AS6 and WAUW-AS7 are effective on the first day of the first full billing period beginning on or after October 1, 2015, upon transfer of functional control of eligible Western-Upper Great Plains Region (Western-UGP) transmission facilities to Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP) and will remain in effect until September 30, 2020, pending approval by FERC on a final basis or until superseded. Notification of the transfer of functional control and the effective date of the formula rates will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Lloyd Linke, Operations Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 1330 41st Street, Watertown, SD 57201; telephone: (605) 882-7500; email: [Lloyd@wapa.gov](mailto:Lloyd@wapa.gov); or Ms. Linda Cady-Hoffman, Rates Manager, Upper Great Plains Region, Western Area Power Administration, 2900 4th Avenue North, Billings, MT 59101-1266; telephone: (406) 255-2920; email: [cady@wapa.gov](mailto:cady@wapa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Western published a **Federal Register** Notice on November 3, 2014, (79 FR 65205) announcing the proposed formula rates for transmission service, initiating a public consultation and comment period, and setting forth the dates and locations of public information and public comment forums. Western held a public information forum in Omaha, Nebraska on November 19, 2014, and a public information forum in Fargo, North Dakota, on November 20, 2014. Western explained the proposed formula rates, answered questions, and provided Rate Brochures and presentation handouts. Western held a public comment forum in Omaha, Nebraska, on December 17, 2014, and a public comment forum in Fargo, North Dakota, on December 18, 2014. These forums provided the public with opportunity to comment for the record.

On December 19, 2014, Western notified all P-SMBP—ED customers and

interested parties of an updated Rate Brochure that was available on the Web site at [www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm](http://www.wapa.gov/ugp/rates/default.htm). This Web site also contained information about this formula rate adjustment process.

Western followed the Procedures for Public Participation in Power and Transmission Rate Adjustments and Extensions, 10 CFR part 903, as described above, in developing these formula rates. No individuals commented at either of the public comment forums, and Western received no comments during the consultation and comment period.

Western-UGP has signed a Membership Agreement with SPP. Upon achieving final FERC approval of membership within SPP, Western will transfer functional control of Western-UGP's P-SMBP—ED eligible transmission facilities located in the Upper Missouri Zone (UMZ or Zone 19) to SPP. Western-UGP will then merge its Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains East Balancing Authority Area (WAUE) in the Eastern Interconnection into SPP's Balancing Authority Area and place its transmission system located in the Eastern Interconnection into SPP's Integrated Marketplace. Western-UGP will retain operation of its Western Area Power Administration, Upper Great Plains West Balancing Authority Area (WAUW) in the Western Interconnection as the Balancing Authority, and will not place its transmission system located in the Western Interconnection into SPP's Integrated Marketplace. Even though SPP's Integrated Marketplace will not extend into the Western Interconnection, Western-UGP's eligible transmission facilities in the Western Interconnection will be included under SPP's Tariff to allow SPP to provide transmission service over all of Western-UGP's eligible transmission facilities in the UMZ regardless of whether they are located in the Eastern or Western Interconnection. The UMZ is a single SPP rate zone that includes Western-UGP's transmission facilities located in the Eastern and Western Interconnections. Therefore, one formula rate schedule WAUGP-ATRR will calculate the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) for all of Western-UGP's eligible transmission facilities that are transferred to the functional control of SPP and used by SPP to provide transmission service under the SPP Tariff. For 2015, the Western-UGP estimated ATRR is \$123,816,622 based on facilities that Western-UGP has proposed to be included per Attachment AI of SPP's