

notice that members of the Commission's staff may attend the following meetings related to the transmission planning activities of Tucson Electric Power Company, UNS Electric, Inc., Public Service Company of New Mexico, Arizona Public Service Company, El Paso Electric Company, Black Hills Power, Inc., Black Hills Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP, Cheyenne Light, Fuel, & Power Company, NV Energy, Inc., and Xcel Energy Services, Inc. on behalf of Public Service Company of Colorado:

Planning Management Committee Meeting

January 18, 2017, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. (MST)
Regional Stakeholder Meeting
February 16, 2017, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. (MST)

The Planning Management Committee Meeting will be held at: Ocotillo Training Center, 1701 E. Rio Salado Pkwy., Tempe, AZ 85281.

The Regional Stakeholder Meeting will be held at: SRP PERA Club, 1 E. Continental Drive Tempe, Arizona 85281.

The above-referenced meetings will be available via web conference and teleconference.

The above-referenced meetings are open to stakeholders.

Further information may be found at <http://www.westconnect.com/>.

The discussions at the meetings described above may address matters at issue in the following proceeding:

ER13–75, *Public Service Company of New Mexico; El Paso Electric Company*

For more information contact Nicole Cramer, Office of Energy Market Regulation, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at (202) 502–6775 or nicole.cramer@ferc.gov.

Dated: January 11, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP17–28–000; PF16–7–000]

Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company; Notice of Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Take notice that on December 30, 2016 Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company (Eastern Shore), 1110 Forrest Avenue, Dover, Delaware 19904, filed in the above referenced docket an

application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and part 157 of the Commission's regulations, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing Eastern Shore to construct, own, operate and maintain the 2017 Expansion Project. The Project is designed to provide 61,162 dekatherms per day of additional firm transportation service to seven of Eastern Shore's existing customers. Eastern Shore proposes to construct seven segments of buried natural gas pipeline totaling approximately 39.6 miles with miscellaneous appurtenances in Chester County, Pennsylvania, Cecil County, Maryland, as well as New Castle and Sussex Counties, Delaware and install additional 3,750 horsepower at the existing Daleville Compressor Station in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Eastern Shore proposes incremental recourse rate, as more fully set forth in the application which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

The filing may also be viewed on the 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, please contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or toll free at (866) 208–3676, or TTY, contact (202) 502–8659.

Any questions concerning this application may be directed to Mark Parker P.E., Engineering Manager, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company 1110 Forrest Avenue, Dover, DE 19904 by phone 1–844–366–3764 use or by email maparker@esng.com.

Specifically, Eastern Shore proposes (1) six 10-, 16-, and 24-inch-diameter pipeline loop segments totaling 22.7 miles, (2) 10-inch-diameter 16.9-mile-long mainline extension, (3) upgrades to an existing Meter and Regulator station and lateral piping at the existing interconnect with Texas Eastern in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and (4) the addition of two pressure control stations in Sussex County, Delaware. Eastern Shore requests that the Commission issue the requested authorizations by May 2017 in order to meet November 1, 2017 in-service date requested by the project shippers who are local utility, power, and industrial manufacturing companies. The total cost of the Project is estimated to be approximately \$98,578,673.

On May 17, 2016, the Commission staff granted Eastern Shore's request to utilize the Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF16–7–000 to staff activities involved in the above

referenced project. Now, as of the filing of the December 30, 2016 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP17–28–000, as noted in the caption of this Notice.

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 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 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 five copies of filings made with the Commission and must mail a copy to the applicant and to every other party in the proceeding. 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 original and five 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 February 1, 2017.

Dated: January 11, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Market Access Agreement

AGENCY: Farm Credit Administration.

ACTION: Notice of approval of the Draft Third Amended and Restated Market Access Agreement.

SUMMARY: The Farm Credit Administration (FCA) announces that it has approved the Draft Third Amended and Restated Market Access Agreement (Draft Third Restated MAA) proposed to be entered into by all of the banks of the Farm Credit System (System or FCS) and the Federal Farm Credit Banks Funding Corporation (Funding Corporation). The Draft Third Restated MAA sets forth the rights and

responsibilities of each of the parties when the condition of a System bank falls below pre-established financial thresholds. In prior draft amended and restated MAAs, although not required, the FCA published the draft document for comment prior to its approval. The revisions in this draft are minor, consisting primarily of replacing references to the previous FCA regulatory capital standards with references to the new FCA regulatory capital standards that became effective on January 1, 2017, as well as updating addresses. Therefore, the FCA has determined to approve the Draft Third Restated MAA without a request for comments prior to approval; we will, however, review and consider any subsequent comments we may receive.

DATES: You may send comments on or before February 17, 2017.

ADDRESSES: For accuracy and efficiency reasons, commenters are encouraged to submit comments by e-mail or through the FCA's Web site. We are no longer accepting comments submitted by facsimile (fax). Please do not submit your comment multiple times via different methods. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Send us an e-mail at reg-comm@fca.gov.
- *FCA Web site:* <http://www.fca.gov>. Select "Public Commenters," then "Public Comments," and follow the directions for "Submitting a Comment."
- *Federal E-Rulemaking Web site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Send mail to Barry F. Mardock, Deputy Director, Office of Regulatory Policy, Farm Credit Administration, 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, VA 22102-5090.

You may review copies of comments we receive at our office in McLean, Virginia, or on our Web site at <http://www.fca.gov>. Once you are in the Web site, select "Public Commenters," then "Public Comments," and follow the directions for "Reading Submitted Public Comments." We will show your comments as submitted, but for technical reasons we may omit items such as logos and special characters. Identifying information that you provide, such as phone numbers and addresses, will be publicly available. However, we will attempt to remove e-mail addresses to help reduce Internet spam.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: System banks and the Funding Corporation entered into the original Market Access Agreement (original MAA) on September 1, 1994, to help control the risk of each System bank by outlining each party's respective rights and responsibilities in the event the condition of a System bank fell below certain financial thresholds. As part of the original MAA, System banks and the Funding Corporation agreed to periodic reviews of the terms of the MAA to consider whether any amendments were appropriate. The original MAA was updated by the parties in 2003 in the Amended and Restated MAA and received FCA approval following notice and request for public comments in the **Federal Register**.¹

On December 3, 2010, the FCA Board approved amendments to the Amended and Restated MAA that would conform its provisions to the System banks' proposed Joint and Several Liability Reallocation Agreement (Reallocation Agreement) to ensure that the MAA provisions did not impede operation of the Reallocation Agreement; the amendments also provided that the MAA and the Reallocation Agreement are separate agreements, and invalidation of one does not affect the other. The FCA published these amendments in the **Federal Register**.² The proposed Reallocation Agreement is an agreement among the banks and the Funding Corporation that establishes a procedure for non-defaulting banks to pay maturing System-wide debt on behalf of defaulting banks prior to a statutory joint and several call by the FCA under section 4.4 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended (Act).³ The FCA Board approved the proposed Reallocation Agreement on October 14, 2010, and notice of the approval was published in the **Federal Register**.⁴

The MAA was updated again by the parties in 2011 in the Second Amended and Restated MAA, as the first Amended and Restated MAA was set to expire at the end of 2011. The FCA approved the draft document on December 9, 2011 following notice and request for public comments, and notice

¹ 68 FR 19539 (April 21, 2003).

² 75 FR 76729 (December 9, 2010).

³ 12 U.S.C. 2155.

⁴ 75 FR 64727 (October 20, 2010).