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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD20-14-000]

Carbon Pricing in Organized Wholesale Electricity Markets; Supplemental Notice of Technical Conference

As announced in the Notice of Technical Conference issued in this proceeding on June 17, 2020, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commissioner-led technical conference in the above-referenced proceeding on Wednesday, September 30, 2020, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time. The conference will be held either in-person—at the Commission’s headquarters at 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426 in the Commission Meeting Room (with a webcast option available)—or electronically.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss considerations related to state-adoption of mechanisms to price carbon dioxide emissions, commonly referred to as carbon pricing, in regions with Commission-jurisdictional organized wholesale electricity markets (*i.e.*, regions with regional transmission organizations/independent system operators, or RTOs/ISOs). This conference will address carbon pricing approaches where a state (or group of states) sets an explicit carbon price, whether through a price-based or

quantity-based approach, and how that carbon price intersects with RTO/ISO-administered markets, addressing both legal and technical issues.

A high-level agenda for this conference is attached. The Commission will issue a further supplemental notice with a full agenda that includes questions for each panel and the list of panelists, and further details regarding whether this conference will be held in-person or electronically. There is no fee for attendance, and the conference will be webcast as an option for the public to attend electronically. Information on this technical conference, including a link to the webcast, will also be posted on this conference’s event page on the Commission’s website, www.ferc.gov/news-events/events/technical-conference-regarding-carbon-pricing-organized-wholesale-electricity, prior to the event. The conference will be transcribed. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting, (202) 347-3700.

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Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Intent To Prepare An Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Tuscarora Xpress 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 Tuscarora Xpress Project (Project) involving construction and operation of facilities by Tuscarora Gas Transmission Company (Tuscarora) in Washoe County, Nevada. 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 about issues regarding the project. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires the Commission to take into account the environmental impacts that could result from its action whenever it considers the issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. NEPA also requires the Commission to discover concerns the public may have about proposals. This process is referred to as “scoping.” The main goal of the scoping process is to focus the analysis in the EA on the important environmental issues. By this notice, the Commission requests public comments on the scope of issues to address in the EA. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments so that the Commission receives them in Washington, DC on or before 5:00pm Eastern Time on September 3, 2020. Comments may be submitted in written form. Further details on how to submit comments are provided in the *Public Participation* section of this notice.

You can make a difference by submitting 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. Commission staff will consider all written comments during the preparation of the EA.

¹ 18 CFR 2.1 (2019).