eligible for Grants and Cooperative Agreements under Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) programs;
(5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 400;
(6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 400;
(7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 24 hours, per response;
(8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: $940.80 per one time response;
(9) Statutory Authority: Section 989(a)
EPACT 2005 [Merit Review] [42 U.S.C. 16353(a)]; Section 646 DOE
Organization Act [Contracts] [42 U.S.C. 7256(a)]; and 31 U.S.C. 503 (the Chief
Financial Officers Act, Functions of the Deputy Director for Management), 31
U.S.C. 1111 (Improving Economy and Efficiency of the United States
Act), Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970, and Executive Order 11541
(“Prescribing the Duties of the Office of Management and Budget and the
Domestic Policy Council in the Executive Office of the President”), the
Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996, (31 U.S.C. 7501–7507), as well as The

Issued in Golden, CO, on March 22, 2018.
Derek Passarelli,
Director, Golden Field Office, U.S.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
[Docket No. CP17–101–000]

The staff of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC or Commission) has prepared a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project (NESE Project or Project) as proposed by Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco) in the above-referenced docket. Transco requests authorization to construct and operate 36.9 miles of onshore and offshore natural gas transmission pipeline loop ¹ and associated facilities, one new natural gas-fired compressor station, and modifications at one existing compressor station. The Project would provide about 400,000 dekatherms per day of natural gas to end use residential and commercial customers in the New York City area. 

The draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the Project in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The FERC staff concludes that approval of the Project would result in some adverse environmental impacts; however, all impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the implementation of Transco’s proposed mitigation and the additional measures recommended in the draft EIS. 

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the City of New York participated as cooperating agencies in the preparation of the draft EIS. Cooperating agencies have jurisdiction by law or special expertise with respect to resources potentially affected by the proposals and participate in the NEPA analysis. Although the cooperating agencies provide input to the conclusions and recommendations presented in the draft EIS, the agencies will each present its own conclusions and recommendations in its respective record of decision or determination for the Project. 

The draft EIS addresses the potential environmental effects of the construction and operation of the following Project facilities:
• 10.2 miles of 42-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (the Quarryville Loop);
• 3.4 miles of 26-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Middlesex County, New Jersey (the Madison Loop);
• 23.5 miles of 26-inch-diameter pipeline loop in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, New Jersey, and Queens and Richmond Counties, New York (the Raritan Bay Loop ²);
• modification of existing Compressor Station 200 in Chester County, Pennsylvania;
• construction of new Compressor Station 206 in Somerset County, New Jersey; and

¹ A loop is a segment of pipe that is installed adjacent to an existing pipeline and connected to it at both ends. A loop generally allows more gas to move through the system.
² Except for 0.2 mile of pipe in onshore Middlesex County, New Jersey, the Raritan Bay Loop would occur in offshore New Jersey waters (6.0 miles) and offshore New York waters (17.3 miles).

The FERC staff mailed copies of the draft EIS to federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American tribes; potentially affected landowners and other interested individuals and groups; and newspapers and libraries in the Project area. Paper copy versions of this draft EIS were mailed to those specifically requesting them; all others received a CD version. In addition, the draft EIS is available for public viewing on the FERC’s website (www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. A limited number of copies are available for distribution and public inspection at: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Public Reference Room, 888 First Street NE, Room 2A, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502–8371.

Any person wishing to comment on the draft EIS may do so. To ensure consideration of your comments on the proposal in the final EIS, it is important that the Commission receive your comments on or before May 14, 2018.

For your convenience, there are four methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. The Commission will provide equal consideration to all comments received, whether filed in written form or provided verbally. The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments and has expert staff available to assist you at (202) 502–8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov. Please carefully follow these instructions so that your comments are properly recorded.
(1) You can file your comments electronically using the eComment feature on the Commission’s website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. This is an easy method for submitting brief, text-only comments on a project;
(2) You can file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature on the Commission’s website (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.” If you are filing a comment on a particular project,
please select “Comment on a Filing” as the filing type; or
(3) You can file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the
following address. Be sure to reference the Project docket number (CP17–101–
000) with your submission: Kimberly D.
Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy
Regulatory
Commission, 888 First Street
NE, Room 1A, Washington, DC 20426.
(4) In lieu of sending written or
electronic comments, the Commission
invites you to attend one of the public
comment sessions its staff will conduct
in the Project area to receive comments
on the draft EIS, scheduled as follows:

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<td>Wednesday, April 25, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m</td>
<td>George Bush Senior Center, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge, NJ 08857, (732) 721–5600.</td>
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<td>Thursday, April 26, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m</td>
<td>Best Western Gregory Hotel, 8315 4th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11209, (718) 238–3737.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, May 2, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m</td>
<td>Franklin Township Community Center, 505 Demott Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873, (732) 873–1991.</td>
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<td>Thursday, May 3, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m</td>
<td>Solanco High School, 585 Solanco Road, Quarryville, PA 17566, (717) 786–2151.</td>
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The primary goal of these comment
sessions is to have you identify the
specific environmental issues and
concerns with the draft EIS. Individual
verbal comments will be taken on a one-
on-one basis with a court reporter.
This format is designed to receive the
maximum amount of verbal comments in
a convenient way during the
timeframe allotted.

Each comment session is scheduled
from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern
Time Zone. You may arrive at any time
after 5:00 p.m. There will not be a formal
presentation by Commission staff when
the session opens. The Commission staff
will hand out numbers to those who
wish to speak in the order of their
arrival until 8:00 p.m. If no additional
numbers have been handed out and all
individuals who wish to provide
comments have had an opportunity to
do so, staff may conclude the session at
8:00 p.m.

Your verbal comments will be
recorded by the court reporter (with
FERC staff or representative present)
and become part of the public record for
this proceeding. Transcripts will be
publicly available on FERC’s eLibrary
system (see below for instructions on
using eLibrary). If a significant number
of people are interested in providing
verbal comments in the one-on-one
settings, a time limit of 3 to 5 minutes
may be implemented for each
commenter.

It is important to note that written
comments mailed to the Commission
and those submitted electronically are
reviewed by staff with the same scrutiny
and consideration as the verbal
comments given at the public sessions.
Although there will not be a formal
presentation, Commission staff will
be available throughout the evening to
answer your questions about the
environmental review process.

Any person seeking to become a party
to the proceeding must file a motion to
intervene pursuant to Rule 214 of the
Commission’s Rules of Practice and

Procedures (18 CFR part 385.214). Only
intervenors have the right to seek
rehearing of the Commission’s decision.
The Commission grants affected
landowners and others with
environmental concerns intervenor
status upon showing good cause by
stating that they have a clear and direct
interest in this proceeding which no
other party can adequately represent.
Simply filing environmental comments
will not give you intervenor status, but
you do not need intervenor status to
have your comments considered.

Questions

Additional information about the
Project is available from the
Commission’s Office of External Affairs,
at (866) 208–FERC, or on the FERC
website (www.ferc.gov) using the
eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link,
click on “General Search,” and enter the
docket number excluding the last three
digits in the Docket Number field (i.e.,
CP17–101). Be sure you have selected
an appropriate date range. For
assistance, please contact FERC Online
Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov
or toll free at (866) 208–3676; for TTY,
contact (202) 502–8659. The eLibrary
link also provides access to the texts of
formal documents issued by the
Commission, such as orders, notices,
and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a
free service called eSubscription that
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. Go to www.ferc.gov/docs-
filing/esubscription.asp.

3 See the previous discussion on the methods for
filling comments.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission

Notice of Request Under Blanket
Authorization; Wyoming Interstate
Company, LLC

Take notice that on March 15, 2018,
Wyoming Interstate Company, L.L.C.
(WIC), Post Office Box 1087, Colorado
Springs, Colorado 80944, filed a prior
notice request pursuant to sections
157.205, 157.208(b), and 157.210 of the
Commission’s regulations under the
Natural Gas Act for authorization to
increase the available horsepower (hp)
at its existing WIC Cheyenne Compressor
Station located at the
Cheyenne Hub in Weld County,
Colorado. Specifically, WIC seeks to
reclassify one natural gas-fired 2,700
ISO-rated hp compressor unit that
currently serves as a spare unit to
mainline service. The proposed
modification will allow an additional
220,000 dekatherm per day of capacity
from its receipt at the Flying Hawk
Interconnect. The project will allow
additional volumes to be received at a
reduced delivery pressure and boost the
pressure of those volumes into the high
pressure pool at the Cheyenne Hub, all
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, contact FERC
at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call